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Shawsheen Tech addresses financial process issues

By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent

BILLERICA — On the heels of the dismissal of its business manager, Superintendent Tony McIntosh says Shawsheen Valley Technical High School is taking "deliberate and corrective" steps to strengthen its financial operations.

The school, which serves students from Tewksbury, Billerica, Wilmington, Burlington, and Bedford, has been the subject of recent public interest after annual audit findings and meeting minutes highlighted gaps in financial processes and oversight.

While personnel issues have drawn some attention online, McIntosh emphasized that the district's focus is squarely on tightening financial systems and ensuring sending towns can "have confidence that it is being addressed."

Audit reports highlight significant deficiencies. According to McIntosh, the district's FY24 audit identified a cash reconciliation issue, as well as overspent accounts.

"These are serious findings, and they're documented publicly," McIntosh said.

Annual audits are a standard financial practice, and while irregularities were highlighted and the School Committee was apprised, requests for explanation and detail appears to have been challenging to extract.

According to Tewksbury's representative and current School Committee Chair Patricia Meuse,

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▲ Shawsheen Valley Technical High School, located in Billerica, serves the towns of Tewksbury, Wilmington, Burlington, Bedford, and Billerica. The school is working to address its financial operations as recent audits have identified gaps in financial processes. (Paige Impink photo)

By Christmas

Wilmington contractor David Newhouse leads effort to build 150-bed orphanage in Uganda

WILMINGTON — As the holiday season arrives, Wilmington-based general contractor David Newhouse is rallying the building and construction community behind a project unlike any other: constructing a 150-bed orphanage in Uganda for children who are being forced out of their current shelter and must relocate before Christmas.

Newhouse, owner of a long-standing general contracting firm, Newhouse & Suns, and founder of the newly formed Support a Soul Foundation, has combined a builder's mindset with a humanitarian mission. After learning that more than 150 children in Kampala, Uganda were facing eviction due to unsafe conditions and expiring land rights, he stepped in — purchasing land, opening road access, funding the drilling of a clean-water well, and coordinating architectural plans for a permanent facility.

Now he is calling on contractors, tradespeople, supply companies, and construction leaders across the country to stand with him.

"Builders create the spaces where people feel safe, supported, and at home," said Newhouse. "This Christmas, these children need the same sense of safety that we create every day in our work. If every builder donated a little — a sheet of plywood, a window, a bag of cement, or even one hour's wages — we could change the lives of 150 kids forever."

The project will include:

- Dormitories for 150 children
- Kitchen facilities and food-storage rooms
- Classrooms and study areas
- On-site medical and counseling rooms
- Clean water infrastructure
- Community spaces for enrichment programs
- A permanent home for Wipe A Tear Child Foundation, the local Ugandan partner

With blueprints completed and site preparation underway, the Foundation has set an ambitious goal: raise the remaining funds and complete primary construction before Dec. 25.

The Support a Soul Foundation is inviting general contractors, electrical, plumbing, and HVAC professionals, material suppliers, construction associations, philanthropic building groups, manufacturers of windows, doors, roofing, timber, etc., to participate and sponsor this project.

"This is a chance for the construction industry to show what we're made of," Newhouse added. "We build for a living — now we get to build something that truly changes lives."

To support the project or become a sponsoring contractor, visit *www.SupportASoul.com* or email *info@supportasoul.com* or venmo *supportasoul*

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Wilmington Library News:

Pokéman Club at the library on Tuesday, Dec. 23

Library Closure:
The library will be closing at 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 24, and all day Dec. 25 in celebration of Christmas.

Adult Programs

Drop-in Tech Help
Tuesday, December 23, 2pm
Saturday, December 27, 2pm
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Needleworkers at Night
Monday, December 22, 6pm
These nighttime sessions are perfect for anyone who does any kind of needle craft but can't make it to Needleworkers during the day! Drop-in.

Hearing Aid Tips & Tricks
Monday, December 22, 7pm
This hybrid monthly meeting is a place for people to trade tips and tricks on how to get the most out of their hearing aids. Led by Technology Librarian Brad. You can attend in-person or virtually on Zoom.

Needleworkers
Friday, December 26, 10am
This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy conversation and camaraderie. Drop-in.

Cocoa & Cozy Crafts
Saturday, December 27, 3pm
Take some time to unwind with our DIY Hot Cocoa bar with fun mix-ins and a variety of simple crafts. Please note this is a social event for Adults only (why should kids have all the fun?)

Youth Programs

Wikipedia Speedrace Tournament
Monday, December 22, 2pm
Compete to race from one Wikipedia page to another as fast as possible, only using the in-page links! How many articles will it take you to go from "Grilled Cheese" to "Germany," or from "Pokémon" to "Paul McCartney"? We'll have prizes for the winners! Grades 6-12

Stories, Songs & S'mores!
Monday, December 22, 5:30pm
Join us by our family campfire for a fun-filled evening of stories, songs, yummy snacks, and a special craft! Ages 3 and up and their families.

Pokémon Club
Tuesday, December 23, 10am
Pokémon fans, unite! Trade cards and complete Pokémon activities with friends! Grades K-5, siblings welcome.

Gift Wrap Party!
Tuesday, December 23, 2-4pm
Kids, come wrap gifts for your friends and family! Drop in and bring your presents to wrap (limit 5 per family), get into the holiday spirit, have some hot cocoa, and make your own special gift tags! While supplies last.

Wrap + Yap
Tuesday, December 23, 6pm
Tweens & teens, drop in (or register to receive reminders) at the library to wrap presents and chat! We'll have hot cocoa and cozy music. Grades 6-12

▲ Join us for Pokémon Club at the library on Dec. 23 at 10 a.m.! (Courtesy photo)

Crafty Kids
Friday, December 26, 10am
Drop in anytime between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. for a DIY craft designed for both little and big kids. While supplies last. For ages 2 and up

Music and More with Miss Bernadette
Saturday, December 27, 9:30am
Join Early Childhood Educator Bernadette Baird for singing, dancing, instrument play and storytime in this fun and relaxing family event! Ages 0-4

Additional Information

Library Resource: Birds of the World
Become an armchair ornithologist with Birds of the World, a research platform that brings together deep, scholarly content from several celebrated works of ornithology with millions of bird observations from eBird and multimedia from the Macaulay Library into a single platform where biologists and birders can explore comprehensive life history information on birds. Visit *www.wilmlibrary.org/econtent/research* for more info.

Jane Austen's 250th Birthday Bingo
Celebrate Jane Austen's 250th anniversary with us at WML! Now through December 31st, adults and teens are invited to play Jane Austen Bingo. Pick up a bingo sheet at the library, complete the activities, and return it to earn raffle ticket for our Austen-themed prize basket. Each completed bingo line counts as one raffle entry.

Save the Date!
Join us to speak French with other Francophiles! WML has a new monthly group for anyone who loves to speak and listen to French. Join group leader, Nathalie Hayduk for this stress-free, low-key group to speak French on a more regular basis. The first meeting will be on Thursday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. All future meetings will take place on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m!

Book Store Next Door
Celebrate the winter holidays with the Friends of the Library Bookstore Next Door! All November and December holiday-themed books are half-off to help you give the gift of literature this season. While the store will be open for last-minute shopping on Saturday, Dec. 20, it will be closed the following dates: Wednesday, Dec. 24, Saturday, Dec. 27 and Wednesday, Dec. 31. In January and February, the Bookstore Next Door will be open Saturdays only, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Museum Passes
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Shawsheen Tech looking to get house in order

the School Committee had been asking questions and reviewing reports, but had not been provided timely answers.

"While the School Committee asked questions, a deeper level of follow-up could have been helpful, and that's something we're mindful of going forward," said Meuse.

Meuse added, "We have a strong handle on the budget, and going forward we're going to be very diligent. I'm now serving on the budget subcommittee, which gives me a different and more informed perspective. I'm actively reviewing these items to ensure they're addressed responsibly."

One visible consequence surfaced last spring, when Shawsheen was unable to make a planned deposit into its capital stabilization fund. The district had intended to use Excess & Deficiency (E&D) — the regional school equivalent of free cash — to support future building-related obligations. But the certified E&D number "didn't come back where we anticipated," McIntosh said.

The school's numbers were off by $986,209 according to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

As a result, the school alerted all five town managers in June that assessments would remain unchanged, but the stabilization deposit would not move forward. The district made minor adjustments to its FY26 capital budget to keep operations balanced.

Tewksbury Town Manager John Curran, when asked about the situation, said, "They clearly have some financial issues that they need to deal with, and that needs to be taken care of before they get into a capital project greater than $300 million. They need to get their financial house in order."

Curran does not feel that the five districts should support the school taking on additional funding from the communities until their financial issues are addressed.

To address the issues, Shawsheen has hired TMS Solutions, a consulting firm based in Auburn, to serve as interim business manager. TMS provides two staff members who are on site multiple days each week.

While McIntosh stresses that the consultants are not conducting a forensic audit, they are reviewing systems in real time and flagging issues as they work.

"They're here to manage the business office, but as they go through the budget process and end-of-year reporting, they're helping us fix what they find," he said. "I have regular interactions with them, and they participate in leadership meetings."

With these issues as a backdrop, Shawsheen is preparing to bring forward a warrant article through each sending community this spring of 2026. The district will request just under $1.5 million to fund a full feasibility study to evaluate renovation and new-construction options as part of the Massachusetts School Building Authority process.

The feasibility study is considered the crucial next step for Shawsheen, whose building dates to the late 1960s and fits the same aging cycle as numerous vocational schools statewide now seeking renovation or replacement.

If towns reject the warrant article, the MSBA process would effectively reset.

"We don't have a plan B," McIntosh confirmed. "We would start over — resubmit a Statement of Interest and hope to be accepted back into the pipeline."

Should all five towns approve the funding, MSBA-selected consultants would spend 18 to 24 months conducting a comprehensive analysis of the building — "basement to rooftop," McIntosh said.

The study would review structural and system needs, ADA compliance, educational programming demands, renovations versus additions, and full new-construction options.

For each option, the MSBA would outline estimated costs and the reimbursement rate Shawsheen would be eligible to receive.

"It's a significant upfront investment, but it gives us and our communities clear, detailed information about the best path forward," McIntosh said.

McIntosh acknowledged that Shawsheen's five communities each face their own capital and school-related pressures — a factor that can make regional votes challenging. Still, he emphasized the continued importance of vocational education.

"We serve students with a wide range of skills and learning needs," he said. "Shawsheen is part of that landscape statewide where aging vocational schools are reaching the end of their useful life. Many other tech schools are already in the pipeline. We need to remain competitive and safe for the next generation."

While the superintendent would not comment on personnel matters, he was clear that the district is committed to restoring financial stability. Both McIntosh and Meuse confirmed that no money is missing.

"I take fiscal responsibility to our sending communities very seriously," Mc Intosh said. "Everything we do is in pursuit of strong programming for students and fiscal responsibility to taxpayers."

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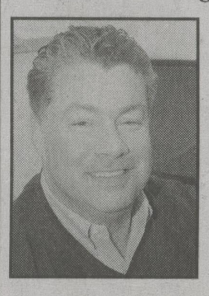

UNDERSTANDING RENTAL PROPERTY DEPRECIATION:
PART II

Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System
The modified accelerated cost recovery system (MACRS) is a standard method for depreciating residential rental properties in the U.S. Under MACRS, properties are assigned a recovery period of 27.5 to 30 years. There are two variations of MACRS — the general depreciation system (GDS) and the alternative depreciation system (ADS). Property owners must choose which one they prefer for tax purposes. Once made, this choice is final throughout the property's useful life.

General Depreciation System (GDS): GDS is the standard method that most property owners use, and it is automatically applied unless ADS is specifically elected or required. GDS provides a recovery period of 27.5 years (330 months) for residential rental properties and uses the straight-line depreciation method, meaning the depreciation deductions should be the same each year. Other assets used for rental activities — such as appliances, fixtures, and furniture — can be depreciated using the accelerated methods under GDS (like the 200% declining balance method), which yield larger deductions in the earlier years. However, residential rental real estate must always use the straight-line method.

Alternative Depreciation System (ADS): ADS extends the period of useful life to 30 years (or up to 40 years for those placed in service before 2018), using the straight-line method for the property and any assets within it. While this means smaller annual deductions than GDS, ADS may be preferable or required in certain situations, such as:

- Properties used predominantly outside the U.S.
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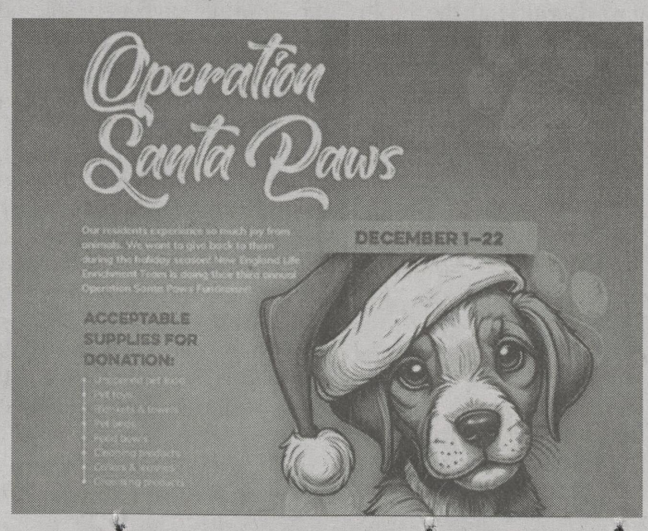
Willow Brook rehab supports animal shelters with 'Operation Santa Paws'

WILMINGTON — Willow Brook Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center in Wilmington, where residents often benefit from animal-assisted therapy visits, has launched "Operation Santa Paws" to collect pet supplies and donate them to a local animal shelter, Reading Animal Clinic.

Through Dec. 22, the skilled nursing facility at 90 West St. welcomes donated items such as blankets and towels, dog and cat beds, unopened pet food/treats, pet toys, grooming products, collars and leashes, and food/water bowls.

Therapy animals play a vital role in long-term care residents' lives, particularly those living with dementia and Alzheimer's. Benefits of animal therapy for seniors include emotional uplift, increased self-esteem, improved social skills, and reduced risk of depression and anxiety.

For more information, call 978-658-2700.



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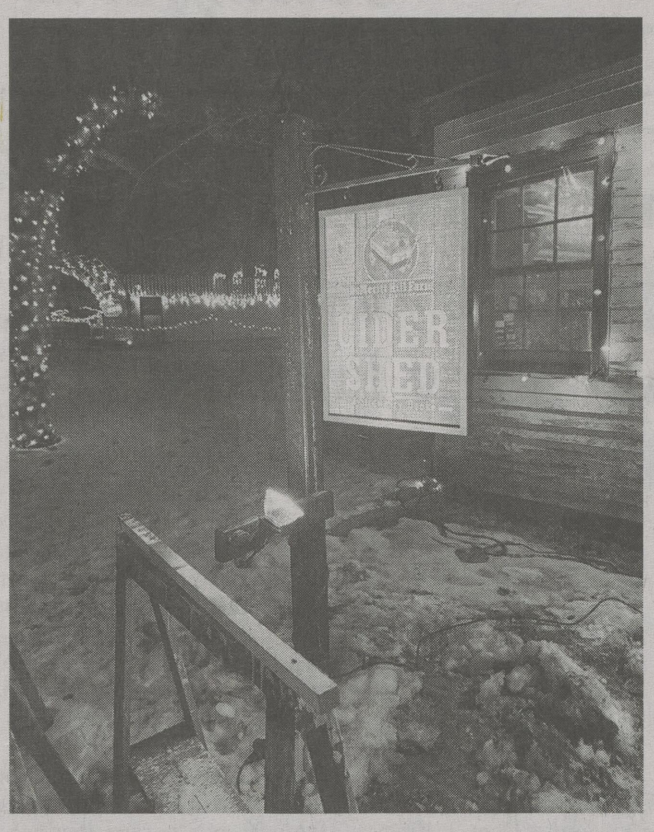

▲ Enjoy the holiday traditions of years gone by at Strawbery Banke Museum's Candlelight Stroll in historic Portsmouth,New Hampshire.
(Heather Burns photos)

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

For those looking to celebrate an authentic, old fashioned, New England Christmas, your experience is just a short car trip away.

Located just one hour north in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, you will find century old Christmas celebrations brought to life at the Strawberry Banke Museum's 46th annual Candlelight Stroll.

This unique museum, located at 14 Hancock St. in Portsmouth, offers a celebration of over 350 years of holiday traditions in not just one historical building, but in an entire neighborhood of historical homes and businesses that still reside on their original sites.

This entire historic waterfront neighborhood is decked out for the Christmas season in different periods of holiday decor, allowing visitors to leave the present and travel through different Christmas timelines starting at 1795 through to the 1950's.

During your visit, enjoy a self-guided tour of over 20 historical buildings ranging from an elegant former governor's mansion to the average working class homes of the seacoast area.

Strawberry Banke's properties also include several historic businesses such as a colonial tavern, cider mill, blacksmith shop, general store, and more.

The oldest home on the property is the Sherburne House, built in 1695. It is one of the last three surviving New Hampshire wood-framed houses from the 1600's, but most of the buildings at Strawbery Banke were built from the mid 1700's to the early 1800's.

Visits to the Candlelight Stroll is a holiday-themed experience; however, this event also highlights the history of Portsmouth's maritime and the day-to-day lifestyle of the Puddle Dock area from years gone by.

Along your stroll you will meet historical reenactors, carolers, musicians, and period street entertainers that really bring the celebration of Christmas past to life.

To add to the excitement of the holiday season, the Ice Dance International Currier & Ives Vintage Skaters will perform twice nightly on the Puddle Dock Pond ice rink.

This year's Currier & Ives Skaters feature the skating talents of former U.S. Pairs Skater, and New Hampshire native, Caitlin Yankowskas.

Yankowskas and her skating partner, John Coughlin, hold the title as the 2011 U.S. National Pairs Champions, and Yankowskas's skating talents are a highlight of the Strawbery Banke's skating performance.

Strawberry Banke also hosts an outdoor "festival of trees" type display on the property.

Visitors can warm up with a complementary cup of hot cider from the cider shed while strolling through the trees to vote for their favorite decorated tree.

Other on site exhibits at Strawbery Banke include the Interactive Life exhibit at the Walsh House, the People of Dawnland exhibit at the Jones House, Voices from WWII at the Abbot Garage, and the Port of Portsmouth: War, Trade and Travel exhibit at the Montrone Family Gallery.

Also on exhibit is the Seacoast African American Cultural Center's 25th anniversary exhibit at the Rowland Gallery, featuring New Hampshire's black art and culture throughout history.

The Candlelight Stroll begins at 4:30 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m. on Dec. 19, 20, and 21.

Tickets can be purchased online at *www.strawberybanke.org*, or on site, depending on availability.

Admission price includes access to all Strawbery Banke historical buildings and surrounding grounds, viewing of the Currier & Ives Skating Show, all exhibits and strolls through the tree festival.

For those who would like to participate in a skating session on the Puddle Dock Skating Pond, there is an additional fee to skate.

Strolls are held rain, snow or by starlight, and are primarily outdoors, so visitors are advised to dress according to the weather.

Be advised, Strawberry Banke has no on site parking. However parking is available at several nearby parking garages, including the Hanover Street and Foundry Street Garages, and both have a free shuttle bus service to the museum.

This holiday be sure to stroll back in time at the Strawberry Banke Museum's Candlelight Stroll.

Enjoy all the Christmas traditions of the historically rich New England seacoast while creating lasting holiday memories to add to your own family's celebration history.

Congressman Moulton releases 2025 Year-in-Review Report highlighting majors wins for Sixth District

SALEM — Congressman Seth Moulton (MA-06) released his 2025 Year-in-Review Report, detailing a year of significant victories for North Shore communities, constituent services successes, and national leadership on veterans' issues, government oversight, national security, and protecting our democracy.

"As we do every year, my team and I have fought tirelessly to help those in need, deliver results to communities, and fight for the people of the Sixth District," said Congressman Moulton. "I'm proud of what we accomplished in 2025 and look forward to building on this work in 2026 and beyond."

A National Leader in Constituent Services

Congressman Moulton was awarded the Congressional Management Foundation's Democracy Forward Award for Best Constituent Service in D.C., one of the highest honors in Congress for public service and accessibility.

This year, Congressman Moulton's office:

- Delivered $18.8 million in funding to Sixth District residents.
- Responded to 138,614 pieces of incoming correspondence from constituents, representing 32,697 unique residents of the district.
- Resolved 1,825 individual constituent cases.

Delivering Federal Funding for the North Shore

Congressman Moulton secured multiple major federal funding investments this year, including:

- $3.5 million FEMA award to Nahant to restore Short Beach dunes and protect the causeway.
- $2.16 million in FEMA AFG/SAFER grants for fire departments in the Sixth District.
- 15 Community Project Funding requests advancing through the Appropriations process that support local infrastructure, public safety, and economic development priorities.

Fighting for MA-06 in Washington

Congressman Moulton's legislative leadership in 2025 included:

- Re-introduced key national security and public safety legislation, such as:
- The HEADs UP Act
- The End Domestic Terrorism Act
- The GI Bill Restoration Act
- The Support Our Troops Shipping Relief Act
- Passed the Salem Maritime National Historical Park Redesignation and Boundary Study Act.
- Pushed the reauthorization of the Young Fishermen's Development Act — programs that support a generation of fishermen. and sustain our local fishing industry — to the floor for a final vote.
- 372 bills and resolutions cosponsored.

Oversight & Accountability

In response to ongoing abuses by Donald Trump and members of his Administration, Congressman Moulton has been a leading voice in pushing back against the Trump Administration and advocating for congressional oversight.

- Signed approximately 330 letters investigating abuses of power, calling for transparency, and advocating for funding MA-06 priorities.
- Joined 22 amicus briefs pushing back in federal court against unlawful actions taken by the Administration.
- Conducted a surprise oversight visit at Burlington ICE and engaged in subsequent oversight activity.

Engaging with the Community

Congressman Moulton remains deeply active at home across the North Shore, meeting with constituents, honoring community leaders, and giving back to the community.

Highlights include:

- Presenting the 10th Annual Peter J. Gomes Service Award
- Hosting town halls in Boxford, Tewksbury, Peabody, and more
- Engaging with veterans, seniors, immigrants, local businesses, and fishing communities
- Congressman Moulton also hosted community-facing events including a Passport Fair in Salem, an SSA Listening Session in Wakefield, Immigration Office Hours in Lynn, and a Veterans Town Hall in Marblehead.

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Tewksbury Public Schools Announcement

for parents of students attending Tewksbury Public Schools:
Career, Vocational, and Technical School Application Process
(For schools other than Shawsheen Valley Technical High School)

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Students interested in out-of-district placements under Chapter 74 Vocational Education for an upcoming school year must submit their application to **Tewksbury Public Schools, Brenda Theriault-Regan, Superintendent at bregan@tewksbury.k12.ma.us** for the specific school they wish to attend by **April 1st** of the preceding school year. Tewksbury Public Schools reserves the right to reject any application received after that date.

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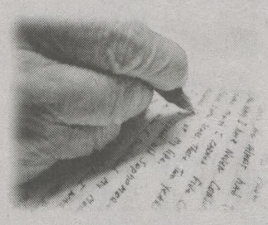

Letter to the editor

Santa visits the children of Wilmington

To the editor:

I wanted to let your readers know that for the 53rd year, I was invited by the Recreation Department to spend an evening with the children of Wilmington.

Brett, Marilyn and Bree had an area in Town Hall decorated and set aside for me and helped welcome the children as they arrived for our visit. I look forward to these special moments with the children, receiving their lists and seeing just how much they have changed since last year!

I would like to thank Owen, Nora, Jithin, Shreya, Madelyn, Ayla, Rylie, Daylen, Kendyl, Nolan, Owen G., Annie, Luke, Jake, Ezra, Ellie, Henry, Abby, Zoey, Oliver, Ethan, Brighton, Frankie, Colton and Carlie for setting aside time to visit with me. I will take back fond memories of each of you and will share your good wishes with Mrs. Claus and everyone back at the North Pole.

I will be back in Wilmington very soon! I look forward to visiting with you again next year.

Merry Christmas to all!
Santa Claus

Upcoming local events

Donation Drives at Tewksbury Public Library:

- Pick an ornament to decorate and bring a donation for the Tewksbury Community Food Pantry
- Bring a donation for the Toiletries Drive put on by the Tewksbury Democratic Committee to benefit the Glenice Sheehan House for Women
- Pick a gift for the Giving Tree for patients at Tewksbury State Hospital

Donation Drive at Tewksbury fire stations:

- New unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots

December 12, Veterans Holiday Luncheon, 11 a.m. at the Senior Center. There is limited seating for this event and reservations ARE REQUIRED. Call 978-640-4485 to register for this event.

December 18, Tewksbury Indoor Community Market, Senior Center, 4-7 p.m. Vendors, food trucks and more! *Tewksburymarket.com* Additional market dates are Jan. 9 and Feb. 12- save the dates!

December 19, Tewksbury's Own Silvertones Dance Band, Tewksbury Senior Center, 175 Chandler St., Tewksbury, Music and Dance Concert, Friday, Dec. 19 7-10 p.m. doors open at 6:30 p.m. with Vocalist BB Braxten, $10 at the door includes: Cake, Coffee & Tea; Bring your own munchies

Public Health Museum, **Thursdays and Saturdays**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., 365 East St. on the campus of Tewksbury Hospital. *Publichealthmuseum.org*

Book Store Next Door, **Saturdays**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Wilmington Public Library. All proceeds support library programs. Next to Wilmington Public Library.

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Healey-Driscoll Administration awards $10M to expand regional transit service across the state and New England

BOSTON — The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced $10 million in funding to Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs) to support 16 projects that increase connections between towns, including to neighboring states. Grants will allow RTAs to pilot new expansions, continue promising pilots, and improve existing connections.

"Regional Transit Authorities play a crucial role in reducing congestion and helping residents get to work, school, doctor's appointments or anywhere else they need to go," said Governor Maura Healey. "It's great to see RTAs across the state and across New England working together to expand service and make it easier for people to get around. We're proud to support their efforts as part of our continued work to improve transportation in all communities."

"These grants will give the Regional Transit Authorities the opportunity to test new ideas, strengthen existing service connections, and better collaborate across municipal and state boundaries," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "By supporting both urban and rural projects, we are ensuring that residents in every part of Massachusetts have access to reliable, affordable, and convenient transit options. We're excited to see these projects take shape and deliver real benefits for riders across the state."

Notable new pilots include three grants for transit service that crosses state borders, facilitating access for Massachusetts residents to key destinations in neighboring cities and towns in New Hampshire and Rhode Island. The Lowell Regional Transit Authority will pilot year-round service of its seasonal route to Nashua; the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority will provide connections to Salem, New zeastern Regional Transit Authority will partner with the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority to increase frequency on the route connecting Fall River to Providence and Newport.

"I'm so proud to be part of the Healey-Driscoll administration as we strive to deliver a robust transportation network that serves the entire Commonwealth. This administration continues to lead the way with essential investment in our regional transit authorities," said Interim Mass DOT Secretary and MBTA General Manager Phil Eng. "Our Regional Transit Authorities are leading the way by leveraging this support with a focus on improving and expanding service to better serve the public, making our transportation network more reliable and accessible for all users. This funding helps to create even more options for residents who travel across the state as RTAs strengthen connectivity for all building upon existing programs and pilot projects."

"These grants will help ensure that public transit is a reliable option no matter where you live or where you're headed. By supporting enhanced collaboration among Regional Transit Authorities, we are expanding local service and creating better links to neighboring transportation systems. It is exciting to see these pilots and other projects increase transportation options for the public," said Rail and Transit Administrator Meredith Slesinger.

"Providing regional transit authorities with the funding to strengthen connections is transformational for the communities and residents they serve," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "These meaningful improvements will help people get to school, work, and their local downtowns — which is why the Senate made these investments a priority, and why I'm grateful to the Healey-Driscoll Administration for deploying them so quickly statewide."

"Ensuring that the Commonwealth is equipped with a safe and reliable public transportation system is critical for the prosperity of our residents and communities, and will be vital in our future efforts to grow the economy. That's why the House has supported record investments in public transit, including for regional transit authorities, which connect communities across the Commonwealth," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "I want to thank Governor Healey for working to ensure that this funding is responsibly allocated, as well as my colleagues in the House and our partners in the Senate for working to make these investments a reality."

"Across the Commonwealth, RTAs are the backbone of our regional transportation system, and for our more rural communities RTAs are the only regular means of accessible transit," said State Representative James Arciero, Transportation Committee Chair. "I am pleased to see this funding support worthwhile pilots and projects, including microtransit and working with partners across state lines, to enhance regional transportation equity."

"Our RTAs provide essential services to get residents to medical appointments, grocery stores, and to rail stations to connect to other transit; this funding will give them the flexibility to expand their services and continue to get people where they need to go," said State Senator Brendan Crighton, Transportation Committee Chair. "Thank you to the Healey-Driscoll Administration for supporting this important transportation infrastructure."

Even within Massachusetts, crossing service area boundaries can be difficult. Some awards reflect collaborations among multiple RTAs to facilitate these trips. For example, the Franklin Regional Transit Authority and Pioneer Valley Transit Authority collaborated on a project to expand mobility in the FRTA towns of Southampton and Southwick, offering connecting service to the PVTA communities of Westfield, Easthampton, and Northampton.

For more information, visit *www.mass.gov/how-to/transit-connectivity-grants.*

2026 dog licenses are now available in Tewksbury

TEWKSBURY — Tewksbury Town Clerk Denise Graffeo reminds dog owners it is that time of the year when all dogs (six months of age or over) must be licensed. The license is valid for one calendar year, (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31) and must be renewed annually.

Dog license renewals are due by March 15, after which late fees will be assessed. Dogs six months of age or older that are new to town must be licensed within 30 days and may be licensed at any time throughout the year without incurring a late fee.

Licensing fees are as follows:

Jan. 1 - March 15
- Spayed or Neutered $15
- Not Spayed or Neutered $20

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July 2 – Dec. 31
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If in doubt, contact 978-640-4355 or email *townclerk@tewksbury-ma.gov*

For your convenience, you may prefer to license your dog online or by mail. Once received, town clerk staff will print and mail the license and tag.

If licensing by mail, please include:

- License Fee
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Mail to: Town Clerk, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876.

Dog license applications may be obtained on the Town of Tewksbury website at the following link: *https://www.tewksbury-ma.gov/375/Dog-License-Information*

Book Stew Review

'Misbehaving at the Crossroads: Essays & Writings' by Honoree Fanonne Jeffers

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

This intriguing book feels like spending a day with a new friend and discovering everything that makes her smart, unique, brave, and peppery! I loved her novel The Love Song of W.E.B. DuBois, which won the National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction.

This one is a collection of essays, poetry, memoir, and book reviews. Both of her parents were college professors, her mother with a doctorate, but the mental, physical, and sexual abuse perpetrated on Ms. Jeffers and her two older sisters by their father, with her mother occasionally intervening but never being a reliable protector, is the constant underlying theme.

She shares the story of her brief marriage to a tour guide she met in Senegal and why she has sworn off marriage forever. There's fascinating sections on Fannie Lou Hamer, on the default value of whiteness in all aspects of American culture, on womanism (Black) vs feminism (white), on the farce of academic conferences on DEI, on her enslaved ancestors, on Sally Hemmings of Monticello, and on the renewal of her love for her mother when, as the last of three surviving daughters, she lovingly cooks southern and stands watch at the deathbed.

Quotes: "When it comes to the United States, the actual history of my ancestors is a trigger warning."

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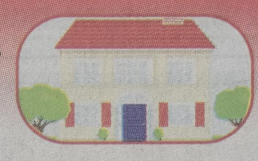

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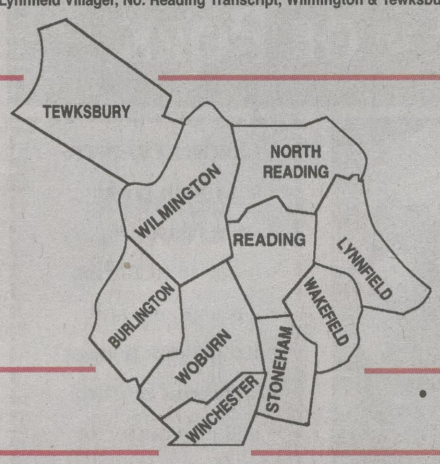

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In order to fulfill near 20-year-old 'parity' plan...

Woburn officials eye new North Woburn elementary school

By PATRICK BLAIS

North Woburn residents' 20-plus year wait for a new elementary school could end over the next few years with a little help from state and city officials.

Last month, the Woburn School Committee agreed to approach the Mass. School Building Authority (MSBA) early next year to seek funding for the construction of a new educational facility to replace the city's two oldest elementary schools - the Altavesta and Linscott buildings - which both serve students in North Woburn.

Before being submitted to the MSBA, that official "statement-of-interest" or SOI must also be supported by Woburn's City Council, which has not yet taken a position on the matter. Established in 2014 to take over the state's old school building assistance program, the MSBA has contributed roughly $18 billion to cities and towns to defray the cost of local and regional school building projects.

Dating back to 1969, the Altavesta School at 980 1/2 Main Street is a two-story building containing 50,625 square feet of space. Because the property is home to a number of in-house special education programs and has not been updated for decades now, the school has long been deemed as insufficient to meet modern-day education needs. The existing building sits on an 8.5-acre parcel of land which city leaders

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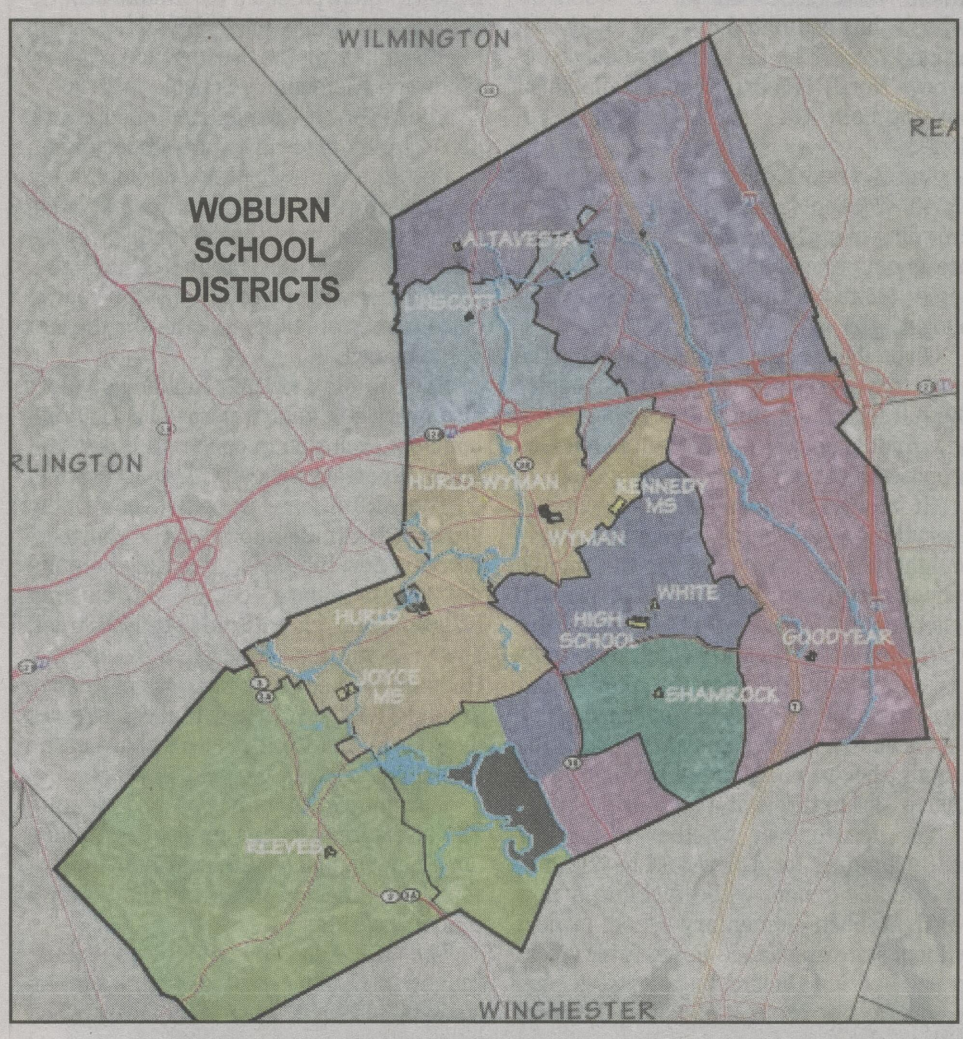

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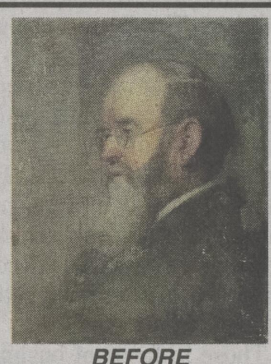

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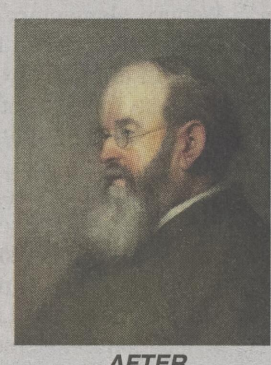

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Movie Reviews & Box Office News

Emma Mackey battles political scandal and wooden script in 'Ella McCay'

By JOCELYN NOVECK
AP National Writer

THE REAL McCAY - Emma Mackey in a scene from the perplexing "Ella McCay" released by 20th Century. (20th Century Studios via AP)

"I can't trust my brain right now," says our hero, Ella, deep into James L. Brooks' bafflingly disjointed, uneven, unfunny and illogical "Ella McCay."

And finally, nearly two hours into a perplexing muddle of a storyline, we have some clarity of thought. No, dear, we want to tell Ella, played by the lovely Emma Mackey, who is truly the only reason to watch any of this. No, your brain is fine (and by the way, what a depressing line to put in the mouth of your most intelligent character — a hard-working woman in politics). It's your script you can't trust, Ella! Run away from it. Now.

It's hard to understand how "Ella McCay," the first original feature from writer-director Brooks in 15 years, goes so utterly haywire. Is this really the same mind that wrote the memorable "Broadcast News"? "Terms of Endearment"? "As Good As It Gets"? We get a bit of a hint in the studio's press notes, which mention that Brooks began his script "without a specific storyline in mind."

Hmm. Perhaps that (unintentionally) explains this tangle of half-baked characters and subplots — each more head-scratching than the next, but also boring — and an ending that's unbelievable, by which we mean not believable. What's even less believable is that smart supporting actors like Jamie Lee Curtis, Ayo Edebiri, Woody Harrelson and Rebecca Hall didn't walk out in protest of a lack of coherence. (Well, actually, Hall is gone in a matter of minutes.)

The main action takes place over three days in 2008, in an unnamed state. An aggressively folksy Julie Kavner as narrator tells us Ella is a great person, and super-bright, and at 34, one of the youngest people to serve as lieutenant governor.

She's also a moral compass — both in the dog-eat-dog world of politics, where she just wants to pass good laws that help good people — and in her messed-up family. This family includes her weaselly father (Harrelson, intermittently amusing) who, in a flashback to when Ella was 16, loses his job in a sexual harassment scandal.

Soon after, when Ella's mother (Hall, wasted) tells her that Dad is moving the family to California, Ella insists on staying put, at her school. She'll live with her loyal and loving Aunt Helen (Curtis), who runs — of course! — the diner next door.

Flash forward 18 years, and Ella is summoned by her governor boss (Albert Brooks). He tells her he's in line for a Cabinet position, which means Ella would be interim governor. "You wouldn't get this any other way," he notes, helpfully,

There's one prickly problem. Ella is enmeshed in scandal; she's been having amorous relations, with her own husband, at lunchtime, in a room that's technically state property. (Yep, this is the best scandal they could come up with.)

Also, there's a reporter who knows this, and he's trying to extort her in exchange for better access (to what, is unclear). Her husband is the one handling it. And so we flash back to high school to meet Ryan, who seems nice enough (but truly ridiculous as a high school student — there clearly was no de-aging budget).

Anyway, Ryan (Jack Lowden) is now poised to become the state's first gentleman. We can see how Ella likes his easy good looks. But then, poof, he suddenly becomes a total jerk and we can't believe Ella would even think to be married to such a cad. But there's a lot here that we wouldn't think would happen.

So Ella becomes governor. Yay! But Ryan is peeved to be sidelined. In a quickly abandoned subplot involving his mother, he threatens to leave Ella unless she allows him to co-govern. If only Ella would listen to Helen, who tells her, in advice that's ignored, that Ryan is "a ticking time bomb in your life." Which just might be the one decent line given to poor Curtis in the whole movie.

Then we have the strange story of Ella's agoraphobic younger brother, Casey (Spike Fearn) and his former would-be girlfriend, Susan (Edebiri). In a long sequence that feels like it comes from nowhere, just like the subplot about the state troopers and the overtime — don't ask! — Casey works up the courage to find Susan and ask her to be his girlfriend. The talented Edebiri almost makes your ticket price worthwhile — she's adorable. But the scene is ludicrous.

Finally, somebody just says "this script is a mess." Oh, wait — that's just the scribble in my screening notebook.

Anyway, it all comes to a denouement in a confrontation with Ella's political opponents. We won't reveal the specifics, but soon after, when Ella and Helen have a screaming session in the living room — you know, just for fun — it's tempting to join in.

Like them, we're confused. We're annoyed. And we're not getting these two hours back.

HomeNewsHere RECIPE

CROWN ROAST OF PORK

CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT - An easy yet impressive main dish, crown roast of pork is served with a savory mushroom stuffing.

INGREDIENTS:

- 8- to 10-lb pork crown roast (about 16 to 18 ribs)
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper

Mushroom Stuffing

- 2/3 cup butter or margarine
- 2 medium stalks celery, chopped (1 cup)
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped (1/2 cup)
- 1 lb fresh mushrooms, sliced (6 cups)
- 8 cups unseasoned croutons
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh or 1 teaspoon dried sage, thyme or marjoram leaves
- 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

STEPS

Step 1: Heat oven to 325°F. Sprinkle pork with salt and pepper. On rack in shallow roasting pan, place pork with bone ends up. Wrap bone ends in foil to prevent excessive browning. Insert ovenproof meat thermometer so tip is in thickest part of pork and does not touch bone or rest in fat. Place small heatproof bowl or crumpled foil in crown to hold shape of roast evenly. Do not add water.

Step 2: Roast uncovered 2 hours 40 minutes to 3 hours 20 minutes.

Step 3: Meanwhile, make Mushroom Stuffing. About 1 hour before pork is done, remove bowl and fill center of crown with stuffing. Cover stuffing with foil for first 30 minutes.

Step 4: Remove pork from oven when thermometer reads 150°F; cover with tent of foil and let stand 15 to 20 minutes or until thermometer reads 160°F. (Temperature will continue to rise about 10°F, and pork will be easier to carve.) Remove foil wrapping from bone ends. To serve, spoon stuffing into bowl and cut pork between ribs.

EXPERT TIPS

- After removing the foil from the bone ends, place paper frills on the ends.

• SCHOOL FROM B1

say includes sufficient space to construct a new facility while keeping existing Altavesta students in place.

With the original school house dating back to 1922, the Linscott Elementary School off of Elm Street was last updated in 1991, when substantial renovations were made at the facility after a fire gutted the entire original structure and much of a 1973 addition. The elementary school sits on a 2.31 acre parcel of land.

Though several School Committee members during a meeting last month contended the community would be better served by asking the MSBA to consider merging together Woburn's two middle schools in a new modern day facility, the majority felt such an undertaking would be far too expensive at an estimated $168-to-$212 million pricetag.

Those in favor of pushing for the new North Woburn elementary school, which would ideally be erected at the existing Altavesta site off of Main Street and include space to house the district's entire early childhood education program (ECP), insist local officials have an obligation to fulfill a years prior pledge to modernize all of the community's elementary schools.

"We made a promise to the people of North Woburn...The time for North Woburn to get a new school is now," argued senior School Committee member Michael Mulrenan.

Currently, Mulrenan and School Committee member Patricia Chisholm, another strong supporter of replacing the Altavesta and Linscott buildings, are the only two sitting education board members who were around in 2007, when a former school task force endorsed a "school parity" plan that called for merging the city's six oldest elementary schools into three new buildings. At the time, Woburn had over the previous seven years replaced three other elementary schools and had just broken ground on a new $68 million high school.

Ultimately championed by the late Mayor Thomas McLaughlin and subsequently by former Mayor Scott Galvin and the School Committee, that school parity plan became the blueprint utilized over the next decade as Woburn partnered with the MSBA to construct two other schools.

The MSBA, after the School Committee submitted multiple so-called statements-of-interest (SOI) explaining the city's goal of ensuring Woburn's youngest learners have access to state-of-the-art facilities, ultimately supported the concept of merging together school populations to address multiple antiquated facilities.

In 2010, MSBA officials agreed to cover roughly $13 million of the $26.5 budget for replacing East Woburn's Goodyear Elementary School, which also houses pupils from the old Clapp Elementary School. Five years later, the agency's Board of Directors agreed to reimburse Woburn for around 55 percent of the $35 million in construction costs associated with erecting the new Hurld-Wyman School off of Wyman and Lowell Streets.

Last month, Chisholm pointed out that since the city last partnered with the MSBA in 2015, school construction costs have skyrocketed. As a result of that inflation, Boston architect DiNisco Design, which was hired several years ago to document deficiencies in all of Woburn's schools, has estimated it would today cost around $80 million to design and construct a new North Woburn school capable of housing both Altavesta and Linscott students.

And if a new ECP wing is added to the North Woburn facility to alleviate overcrowding in other elementary schools, that preschool component will reportedly add some $15-to-$30 million to the project budget.

Given those costs, Chisholm insisted the city's taxpayers couldn't afford to shoulder the bill for new elementary school and a new middle school project all at once as proposed by several of her colleagues.

"If we had lollipops and reindeers and everything else here bouncing around tonight, I'd say, 'Let's go for the middle school and try to fund [a North Woburn school on our own],'" said Chisholm. "But we're also elected to know what the taxpayers can afford..We have to realize that there are a lot of people in Woburn who live paycheck to paycheck and at the end of the month, they're not going to have an extra $200 to $300 to throw at a tax bill."

The debate over whether to ask for MSBA funding for a new $168-to-$212 million middle school while tackling a new North Woburn elementary school project without state assistance comes after voters in neighboring Burlington rejected a plan to construct a new $324 million high school without the state agency's help.

However, several area communities have recently convinced their citizens to back elementary school projects with MSBA backing. A few months ago, Wilmington's voters passed a $96 million debt exclusion that will let town officials spend up to $173 million on the construction of a new Wildwood Elementary School.

The MSBA will be contributing upwards of $62 million towards the undertaking, while the town is further supplementing the project with a $15 million appropriation from a capital stabilization fund. Over the next 30 years, the typical Wilmington homeowner will pay roughly $422 a year in extra real-estate taxes to cover for the rest of the budget.

Back in May of 2025, Reading's voters also overwhelmingly approved a $130 million debt exclusion to construct a new Killam Elementary School with an ECP wing.

The MSBA has agreed to contribute around $44.2 million towards the construction of a new three-story building containing 122,941 square feet on the existing Killam School site off of Haverhill Street. Town officials have forecasted the average Reading homeowner can expect to pay around $716 a year in new real-estate taxes in order to finance the town's share of the school project over the next 30 years.

Stoneham's voters in 2021 and again in 2023 also agreed to appropriate $215 million for a new high school that also includes a separate wing for the community's preschool program.

The MSBA has agreed to contribute roughly $50 million towards the new three-story high school, which officially opened its doors in September of 2024. The typical Stoneham homeowner is paying around $1,030 a year in additional real-estate taxes to cover the construction project.

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5 Four Acre Dr was sold to Sj Peacock Builders Inc by 5 Four Acre Drive Rt and Kadlick, Laurel for $710,000 on 11/18/25

5 Jackson Rd was sold to Cupriak-Bousalem, Anna by Bousalem, Adil for $211,000 on 11/25/25

22 Ledgewood Dr was sold to Heritage Pines LLC by Donna M Merlino Irt and Merlino, Deborah A for $615,000 on 11/19/25

14 Liberty Ave was sold to Mgw Realty LLC by Duncan, James M for $715,000 on 11/19/25

12 Maple Ridge Dr #12 was sold to Ohannessian, Ana C by Rodriguez, Roman for $880,000 on 11/25/25

53 South Ave was sold to 53 South Avenue LLC by Arcp Ofc Burlington Ma P for $35,500,000 on 11/20/25

63 South Ave was sold to 63 South Avenue LLC by Arcp Ofc Burlington Ma L for $49,000,000 on 11/20/25

61 Villagewood Dr #61 was sold to Sganga, Lina M by Bedo, Diane M for $683,000 on 11/19/25

251 Winn St was sold to Jmt Holdings LLC by Taylor, Nancy L for $460,000 on 11/26/25

LYNNFIELD

30 Arlington St was sold to Furey, Jacqueline K and Furey, John C by Anderson, Glenn W for $665,000 on 11/25/25

54 Crescent Ave was sold to Silva, Christopher J and Silva, Lisa J by Fullerton 2014 Ft and Fullerton, Matthew R for $1,000,000 on 11/20/25

8 Ivanhoe Dr was sold to Cincotta, Andrea and Driscoll, Kevin by Luria, Justin L and Luria, Sarah R for $935,000 on 11/21/25

6 Longbow Rd was sold to Aiii Realty LLC by Marsh Ft and Marsh, Jeffrey A for $700,000 on 11/24/25

630 Salem St was sold to 140 Tremont Street LLC by Lynnfield Town Of for $475,000 on 11/19/25

236 Walnut St was sold to Deluga, Martin J by 236 Walnut Street Rt and Coffill, Steven E for $350,000 on 11/21/25

NORTH READING

2 Burditt Rd was sold to Upadhyay, Amee by Patel, Navin S and Patel, Nita N for $839,000 on 11/24/25

11 Charles St was sold to Property Acqui Grp LLC and Oliverio, Paul by Bruno, Michael for $487,500 on 11/19/25

15 Charles St was sold to 15 Charles Rt and Jenks, David by Bruno, Michael for $487,500 on 11/19/25

240 Martins Lndg #201 was sold to Bonito, Vicki A by Barbara A G-Honneywell T and Honneywell, Barbara A for $663,000 on 11/25/25

320 Martins Lndg #402 was sold to Gleason, George and Gleason, Dorothy by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $506,545 on 11/18/25

320 Martins Lndg #313 was sold to John R Gallagher Iii Irt and Rothstein, Andrew D by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $846,115 on 11/24/25

320 Martins Lndg #206 was sold to Krempin, Matthew L by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $896,265 on 11/25/25

320 Martins Lndg #203 was sold to M & Joanne Mullaney RET and Mullaney, Joanne by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $471,110 on 11/26/25

320 Martins Lndg #306 was sold to Maria M Damiano RET and Damiano, Maria M by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $822,550 on 11/18/25

320 Martins Lndg #301 was sold to Mederos, Roger and Mederos, Helen by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $806,180 on 11/19/25

320 Martins Lndg #305 was sold to Simonini, Joseph A and Simonini, Geraldinf M by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $643,335 on 11/18/25

320 Martins Lndg #204 was sold to Young, Barbara A by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $487,760 on 11/25/25

10 Oakhurst Ter was sold to Angeleu Homes LLC by 10 Oakhurst Terrace Nt and Murch, Robert K for $331,000 on 11/19/25

27 Strawberry Ln was sold to Morrison, Brooke and Morrison, Kirby by Brown, Frances I and Brown, Lawrence R for $1,050,000 on 11/25/25

11 Sullivan Rd was sold to Gulen, Bercem and Gulen, Cekdar by Gonzalo Hld T and Demarco, Donna for $705,000 on 11/25/25

10 Voke St was sold to Lawton, Luke and Farren Jr, Richard J by Innis, Matthew R for $750,000 on 11/26/25

6 Westward Cir was sold to Levine, Casey J and Levine, Mary A by Glynn, Colleen A and Ritchie, Colleen A for $1,075,000 on 11/21/25

READING

62 Abigail Way #2007 was sold to Hilton, David W and Patterson, Lisa A by Fulchini, Carmen and Emery, Sandra for $514,900 on 11/28/25

23 Covey Hill Rd was sold to Yates 3rd, David and Yates, Mallory by Cosmos Real Estate LLC for $1,280,000 on 11/21/25

725 Haverhill St was sold to Mariano, Megan and Mariano, James by Travis, Alexander M and Adams, Emily L for $815,000 on 11/25/25

169 Johnson Woods Dr #169 was sold to Germany, Amanda L by Johnson Woods Realty Cor for $281,400 on 11/26/25

195 Lowell St was sold to Albert, Allison and Albert, Delaney by Donahue, Adam K and Donahue, Lauren E for $855,000 on 11/19/25

444 Lowell St was sold to Mini, Nicole by Opendoor Property J LLC for $647,000 on 11/21/25

237 Main St #A4 was sold to Patel, Nikesh and Patel, Nikita by Gu, Xingxin for $374,000 on 11/19/25

577 Summer Ave was sold to Peterson, Alan and Peterson, Lori by Brett, Cory J and Scioli-Brett, Gina T for $781,000 on 11/18/25

57 Wescroft Rd was sold to Arrigo, Brooke and Difrancesco, Michael by Adams John C Est and Adams, Robert C for $740,000 on 11/18/25

175 West St was sold to Ardex LLC by Maloney 3rd, James P and Maloney, Rosaline M for $690,000 on 11/19/25

42 Winthrop Ave was sold to Donahue, Adam and Donahue, Lauren by Parker, Marsten H and Renn, Lori K for $925,000 on 11/19/25

STONEHAM

20 Bow Street Ct was sold to Mitrano, Tyla by Milane, Joseph for $635,000 on 11/21/25

38 Duncklee Ave was sold to Dinocco, Michael D and Bartlett, Courtney A by Rachel E Perrett 2023 RE and Perrett, Rachel E for $850,000 on 11/25/25

5 Emery Ct was sold to Morrow-Mclernan, Celeste and Persson, Sean by Virginia C Day T and Day 3rd, Frederick L for $750,000 on 11/26/25

120 Fellsview Ter #124 was sold to Galeas, Claudia by Presidentpell, Shannon E for $360,000 on 11/21/25

77 Franklin St was sold to Staude, Zachary H and Granese, Lisa M by Sonnabend, Jacqueline and Staude, Nicole E for $1,250,000 on 11/21/25

7 Isola Ln was sold to Furuya, Carolyn by Stoneham Heights LLC for $1,981,843 on 11/20/25

326 William St was sold to 326 William Street Nt and Mawn, James J by Robert L Green Jr Irt and Cerulli, Jennifer for $776,250 on 11/18/25

TEWKSBURY

1220 Andover St was sold to Manandhar, Umesh and Manandhar, Uma by Mcmahon, Brian for $750,000 on 11/21/25

261 Apache Way #261 was sold to Coiro-Silva, Sandra by Weston, Judith H for $540,000 on 11/18/25

68 Catamount Rd was sold to Jaklovsky, Mark and Jaklovsky, Andrea by Kinsman, Fred J and Kinsman, Victoria S for $1,000,000 on 11/24/25

1042 Chandler St was sold to Duggan, John T and Beatrice, Nicole J by Desa, Roberto and Desa, Christina for $640,000 on 11/25/25

11 Emerald Ct #11 was sold to Kieslich, Anne M and Kieslich, Allen R by Vahid, Majid and Vahid, Janet for $645,000 on 11/24/25

15 Franklin St was sold to Pacheco, Kayla and Lentini, Kyle D by Lemay Ft and Lemay, Brian J for $760,000 on 11/26/25

120 Judique Rd was sold to Sharpe, Alfred E and Mcelearney, Jean M by Kimberly R Brown RET and Brown, Kimberly for $1,300,000 on 11/19/25

3 Laurence St was sold to Leclair, Adam and Leclair, Lauren by Shekhda, Sandeep and Shekhda, Ruchika for $900,000 on 11/26/25

1334 Main St was sold to Diaz, Stephen A and Diaz, Dianne M by Purtell, Kenneth R for $721,050 on 11/26/25

1445 Main St #10 was sold to Triden Rt and Wright, Ellen by Marchese Investment LLC for $177,000 on 11/19/25

1445 Main St #11 was sold to Triden Rt and Wright, Ellen by Marchese Investment LLC for $177,000 on 11/19/25

1455 Main St #10 was sold to Bratu, Anatolie and Bezer, Silvia by Biswas, Sudipta and Saha, Surabhi for $575,000 on 11/20/25

1455 Main St #4 was sold to Deangleo, Jamie M by Denny, Kimberly K and Andrade, David F for $435,000 on 11/24/25

885 Main St #5 was sold to 885 Main Realty LLC by Bostontobrazil LLC for $275,000 on 11/21/25

40 Nichols St was sold to Dresen, Robert N and Bacha-Dresen, Alexa by Reb Realty LLC for $789,900 on 11/25/25

43 Palm Dr was sold to White, Joseph and White, Gina D by Standley, Thomas W and Standley, Paloma F for $777,000 on 11/25/25

142 Patrick Rd #142 was sold to Sullivan, Emily by Andella, Lauren M for $554,900 on 11/21/25

70 Ronald Dr was sold to Shaffer Int and Shaffer, Edward C by Jpr Acquisitions LLC for $859,900 on 11/20/25

6 Stonebury Way #6 was sold to Shannon, Jody A and Shannon Jr, Robert J by Elrick Ft and Elrick, Kathryn P for $620,000 on 11/21/25

46 Vernon St was sold to Rennell, Eric J and Rennell, Karen E by Cogan, James P and Cogan, Jean M for $453,000 on 11/25/25

WAKEFIELD

400 Audubon Rd was sold to 400 Audubon Rd LLC by Wakefield Storage LLC for $15,750,000 on 11/21/25

48 Bay State Rd was sold to Nguyen, Long H and Tran, Chi K by Maiolino, Peter W and Maiolino, Erin E for $790,000 on 11/20/25

46 Church St #2 was sold to Favazza, Gaetano and Brzezinska, Julia by Furey, John C and Furey, Jacqueline K for $507,400 on 11/25/25

10 Foster St #506 was sold to Frederick, Kyle by Montgomery Ida E Est and Montgomery, Dana J for $360,000 on 11/19/25

66 Gould St was sold to Loi, Iriena and Loi, Marco by Oregan, Brian M and Oregan, Virginia M for $1,100,000 on 11/26/25

131 Montrose Ave was sold to M Builders LLC by Scott, Patrick J and Scott, Kelsey L for $690,000 on 11/26/25

18 Mountain Ave was sold to Aguilar, Cecilia B and Monteghirfo, Marcelo D by Dinapoli, Rosalie and Dinapoli, Arthur G for $815,000 on 11/19/25

71 Old Nahant Rd was sold to Simmons, Ann M by Giannelli Mgmt & Dev Cor for $1,360,000 on 11/20/25

30 Park St was sold to Popovics, Peter and Popovics, Sarah by Thomas & Mary Maher Irt and Middleton, Amanda M for $875,000 on 11/19/25

107 Vernon St #D was sold to Barrientos, Ignacio and Castillo, Lilia by Gordon, Colleen for $357,000 on 11/28/25

WILMINGTON

200 Andover St #20 was sold to Unit T Rt and Tkachuk, Michael by Pilcher, Timothy for $130,000 on 11/18/25

27 Brand Ave was sold to Kim, Young B and Sin, Theavy by Dsm Mangano Hm Bldrs LLC for $1,265,000 on 11/26/25

32 Burnap St was sold to Walls, Daniel J and Walls, Elizabeth A by Butler, David J and Butler Jr, Richard D for $250,000 on 11/20/25

1 Evans Dr was sold to Sullivan, Daniel K by Jones, Katherine-Mary and Donahue, Robert J for $560,000 on 11/25/25

106 Glen Rd was sold to Casella, Allison and Ostrowski, Michael by Pereira, Norma C for $602,000 on 11/28/25

36 Hanover St was sold to Mooney, Colin by Fairweather, Kylie S and Fairweather, Kevin M for $627,500 on 11/20/25

15 Salem St was sold to Elliott, Sheryl and Elliott, Scott W by Leblanc Ft and Leblanc Jr, Eugene R for $825,000 on 11/25/25

WINCHESTER

60 Harvard St was sold to Sun, Peng by Dire, Donna for $899,000 on 11/25/25

16 Park Ave #2 was sold to Mattern, Erik H and Mattern, Giada T by Maynard, Andrew T and Ginsburg, Amy L for $999,999 on 11/21/25

48 Salisbury St was sold to Travaline, Michael and Rasley, Carolyn by Marquardt, Stephen M and Dehaven, Elizabeth for $2,600,000 on 11/21/25

6 Samoset Rd was sold to Rosenberg, Brian G and Martin, Elizabeth A by Krutt, Rose A for $1,987,000 on 11/18/25

4 Sargent Rd was sold to Saphirstein, Robert J and Brill, Jessica S by Travaline, Michael and Rasley, Carolyn for $1,355,000 on 11/20/25

5 Stratford Rd was sold to Harler, Mary B by Regan Winchester T and Regan, Christy for $3,599,000 on 11/20/25

158-160 Swanton St was sold to Myler, Heather by 158-162 Swanton St Cbc L for $1,199,000 on 11/21/25

415-417 Washington St was sold to Tse, William and Liu, Jinchong by Bella, John J and Bella, Kimberly A for $1,200,000 on 11/21/25

WOBURN

6 Bernard Rd was sold to Holbrook, Daniel S and Holbrook, Natasha N by Guinard Jr, Paul L and Guinard, David J for $650,000 on 11/19/25

23 Derby Dr #23 was sold to Santonelli, Michael and Santonelli, Susan by West Woburn Dev Corp for $889,900 on 11/20/25

27 Derby Dr #27 was sold to Li, Zhifang by West Woburn Dev Corp for $889,900 on 11/18/25

32 Ferullo Dr was sold to Keane, Joseph T and Keane, Courtney by Shannon Farm Estates LLC for $2,000,000 on 11/26/25

43 Hiawatha Rd was sold to Miranda, Rebecca by Bair, Matthew and Bair, Jessica L for $858,000 on 11/24/25

454 Lexington St was sold to 454 Lexington Street LLC by Furey Cecel Franklin Est and Furey, Linda for $660,000 on 11/26/25

9 Locust St was sold to Rahgozar, Nadia by H&d Re Development LLC for $755,000 on 11/24/25

6 Oak Knoll Dr was sold to Giacalone, David and Giacalone, Diane M by Miller-Moriarty Ft and Miller, Craig A for $810,000 on 11/21/25

464 Place Ln #464 was sold to Mary Eckert Ft and Eckert, Sheila by Zarzosa, Alicia G and Torres, Miguel A for $569,900 on 11/21/25

29 Porter St was sold to Black, Mason and Asselin, Genevieve by Ying Yao And Chang Ye Lt and Yao, Ying for $810,000 on 11/26/25

28 Robinson Rd was sold to Colpitts, Gregory and Long, Haiyi by Gillette, Eleanor M for $728,000 on 11/20/25

7 State St was sold to 7 State Street Prop LLC by Rosematwo LLC for $5,000,000 on 11/21/25

12 Surrey Rd was sold to Hunter, Jennifer K and Quirion, Alexandre by Natl Res Nt Svcs Inc for $1,795,000 on 11/24/25

12 Surrey Rd was sold to Natl Res Nt Svcs Inc by Roitman-Waters, Benny and Roitman-Waters, Matthew for $1,795,000 on 11/24/25

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Tewksbury Police Log

Dracut man arrested for possession, breaking & entering

Monday, December 8

12:15 a.m. - A 911 caller reported two suspicious vehicles at Petrol Station. Police sent and they spoke with the manager. They provided advice on removal of vehicles from private property.

7:38 a.m. - Caller reported school bus being followed by a car at Patten Road and Marie Street. Police sent and disregarded.

5:02 p.m. - Police were flagged down by a random female party at Motel 6. Potential scam. Police confirmed no scam. He was just given the wrong address.

5:26 p.m. - Caller reported a loose dog running around the neighborhood at Grasshopper Lane. Caller thought there was also an open door to a house on the street. Police sent. They confirmed he was able to secure the dog and the door. All units cleared.

Tuesday, December 9

6:29 a.m. - Police out at Extended Stay America for attempt to serve a warrant. Steven Panico, 54 of 1 Waldron Road in Salem, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with a warrant for larceny over $1,200, a warrant for violent order, and a warrant for assault and battery on family member.

8:02 a.m. - Caller reported she saw a dog attempting to walk onto the pond at Strongwater Farm. Caller was concerned the owner of the dog may be injured in the woods. Dog described as a shepherd mix with leash. Caller was parked across from Strongwater Farm in a gray Rav-4. Police sent. The state hospital UTV and the drone checked the area, no one found on the trails. Animal Control reported she had the dog and returned to the owner.

12:40 p.m. - A painter damaged his car and promised to fix it but didn't at Ames Hill Drive. Police sent and advice was given. Minor damage.

3:51 p.m. - A 911 caller reported an erratic driver inbound from Wilmington on Salem Road. Caller stated vehicle went into the other lane of traffic. Vehicle went into Lowell. Call sent into Lowell Police Department.

6:47 p.m. - A 911 caller motor vehicle crash, car versus parked car with airbag deployment at Foster Road. Police and ambulance sent. Debra Ennis, 67, of 51 Shawsheen St. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, and marked lanes violation.

Wednesday, December 10

1:44 a.m. - Police out at Hilton Garden Inn checking on a suspicious vehicle. Police cleared, and the vehicle checked out.

3:45 a.m. - Surveillance company reported an individual accessing a dark sedan on the southeast corner of the lot at Atamian Honda. No contact with the key holder. Police sent. Sean Souza, 37, of 12 Frances St. in Dracut, was arrested and charged with breaking and entering for misdemeanor, possess class B drugs, trespassing, and arrestee furnish to law enforcement false ID information.

1:15 p.m. - Caller reported a white SUV with two people wearing paper bags with eye holes exiting Industrial Avenue at North Street and International Place. Police sent and checked the area, but unable to locate.

Thursday, December 11

1:01 a.m. - A 911 text at Motel 6. Caller reported being assaulted by group of men. Police sent. Units checked both rooms and spoke to people outside. Nothing was heard or seen. Police checked the footage. They state both people were denied rooms at the hotel.

1:10 a.m. - Caller reported female crying/kids crying, also heard yelling and screaming at Ames Hill Drive. Police sent. They stated unable to make contact and spoke to caller, but all was quiet. They made contact over the phone with female resident of unit. Female reported she had an autistic child that was yelling at the time of the call.

5:06 p.m. - A 911 caller stated male party hiding behind pillars, looking like he was making hand motions at people but did state he had nothing in his hands at Marshalls. When people walk by, he kept popping out from behind the pillars. Police sent. Both spoke to the involved party. He stated he was a Market Basket employee and was messing around.

7:15 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle was all over the road, swerving in and out and almost hit an oncoming car at Oakdale Liquors. Vehicle was in the parking lot and driver was inside the liquor store. Caller stated they took a left onto Shawsheen and was driving with their headlights off. Caller no longer on scene. Police sent. They spoke to her residence. No impairment. Headlights were an oversight.

Friday, December 12

6:58 a.m. - Staff stated male and female in white Chevy blazer in rear entrance of Cracker Barrel. Possibly urinated on themselves and came into the store of Circle K. Staff wanted them moved along. Police sent. Parties were checked out and officer filed a report.

7:40 a.m. - A 911 caller reported a motor vehicle kept stopping at the green lights at Main Street. Motor vehicle pulled into the police station and took a right to 495. Police sent. The vehicle pulled over on Main Street and 495 South for marked lanes. They spoke to both parties.

6:31 p.m. - Caller reported a dark-colored dodge pickup sitting in the dirt lot across his house for the past 20 minutes at Florida Road. Police sent. They spoke to the homeowner and observed the vehicle was unoccupied and parked legally. All units cleared.

8:53 p.m. - Caller would like to speak to an officer regarding a situation that was going on today at Ames Hill Drive. A verbal argument in the parking lot. Officer filed a report.

Saturday, December 13

10:46 a.m. - A 911 caller reported an argument going on between a truck an driver and employees at the building of Home Depot. Police sent. They spoke to all parties involved. Trailer was left and the driver had left as well.

12:23 p.m. - A 911 caller reported an erratic operator that crossed over the yellow lines multiple times and almost hit a person at Salem Road and South Street. Police sent. They were giving a female operator a courtesy transport back to Wilmington.

4:05 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a female who may be intoxicated left in an unknown direction at Oscar Piñata's. Police sent. Denise Bentham, 62, of 710 Livingston St. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor and negligent operation of motor vehicle.

Sunday, December 14

2:37 a.m. - A 911 caller reported a male party hit her at Motel 6. Female was in the lobby waiting for the officers. Police sent. Vanaya Parker Battiste, 18, of 780 William T Morrissey Boulevard in Dorchester, was arrested and charged with assault and battery with dangerous weapon to with shod foot.

Wilmington Police Log

Man found on crosswalk on Burlington Avenue yelling 'Merry Christmas' to passing cars

Friday, Dec. 5:

7:02 a.m.: Jean Bertrand Dorrelus of 15 Green St., in Rochester, NH, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license. This followed a stop of his white 2009 Ford Escape on the I-93 NB Rt. 34 Ramp.

4:32 p.m.: A caller at the Market Basket on Main Street reported a red Toyota Tacoma backed into another parked vehicle, but that he had lost track of the Tacoma. Market Basket was unable to provide any footage of the accident.

10:14 p.m.: A caller on Suncrest Avenue reported that he was being threatened by his brother and his brother's girlfriend. The parties were separated, and the caller was picked up by his father and mother-in-law, restoring the peace.

Saturday, Dec. 6:

5:56 p.m.: A caller on Kilmarnock Street reported someone knocking on his door, trying to talk with his landlord, who isn't there, and that he finds the situation suspicious. The situation turned out to be a miscommunication, and the man at the door contacted his landlord over the phone.

Sunday, Dec. 7:

5:34 p.m.: A gray 2019 Honda CR-V was involved in a motor vehicle accident on the I-93 NB Rt. 34 off ramp. One person received facial injuries and was transported by the fire department; state police handled the situation.

6:58 p.m.: A caller on Burlington Avenue reported a man walking in the middle of the road and yelling at traffic. Police spoke with the man, who said he was on the crosswalk, yelling "Merry Christmas" to cars going by, and declined any services at the moment.

7:22 p.m.: A black 2025 Nissan Rogue and a black 2005 BMW M3 were involved in a minor motor vehicle accident near Union Office Interiors on Andover Street. No airbags were deployed, no injuries were reported, and the drivers exchanged insurance paperwork.

Monday, Dec. 8:

8:51 a.m.: Frantz Junior Silverne was issued a summons for speeding at a rate exceeding the posted limit and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. This followed a stop of his gray 2010 Toyota Prius on Eames Street.

1:29 p.m.: A black 2007 Toyota Camry and a black 2016 Chevy Cruze were involved in a motor vehicle accident in the parking lot of the Richdale's on Middlesex Avenue. Police checked security footage from Richdale's.

2:44 p.m.: A walk-in party from Concord Street reported receiving threats.

Tuesday, Dec. 9:

1:25 p.m.: Staff at the Milestone Group Home on High Street reported that a client was attempting to flee the program. The client was found at the nearby train station, and agreed to return to the program.

3:44 p.m.: A gray 2019 Ford Ranger and a school bus were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Lowell Street. No injuries were reported, and the school bus didn't have any passengers onboard at the time of the accident.

4:04 p.m.: A caller on Cleveland Avenue reported that he briefly left the house, and that while he was gone, his niece noticed a woman taking pictures of both the house and the inside through the windows; when the niece made her presence known, the woman left in a red 2021 Toyota Highlander.

Wednesday, Dec. 10:

6:39 a.m.: A white 2016 Toyota Camry and a blue 2014 Chevy Silverado were involved in a motor vehicle accident near EJ's Fresh Pizza on Main Street. Everyone declined medical attention, and insurance paperwork was exchanged.

2:52 p.m.: A white 2013 Hyundai Sonata and a black 2021 Chevy Trailblazer were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Church Street. Insurance paperwork was exchanged.

8:27 p.m.: Veda Upasan Pedagadi of 10 Bolton Road, in Newtonville, was issued a summons for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended or revoked registration. This followed a stop of her gray 2010 Honda Civic on Lowell Street.

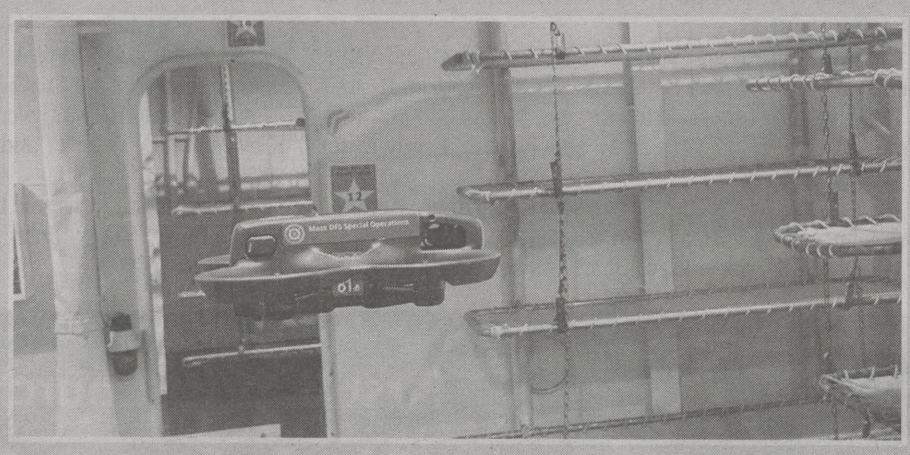
Thursday, Dec. 11:

9:03 a.m.: A gray 2011 Toyota Rav4 and a gray 2002 Toyota Camry were involved in a motor vehicle accident near Amazon Logistics on Fordham Road. No injuries were reported, and paperwork was exchanged prior to police arrival.

3:58 p.m.: A caller on Wilton Drive reported that he believed that people were stealing gasoline out of his vehicle, but did not want a police response at this time.

5:28 p.m.: A caller on Chestnut Street reported that a package had been stolen from her property.

DFS adds new interior drone resources to support fire/rescue operations



STOW — The Department of Fire Services has added three new drones to its Special Operations fleet that will allow fire/rescue personnel to stream footage from hazardous indoor environments, State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine said.

"Drones were a giant step forward for situational awareness in the fire service," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "Up until now, we've used them primarily to provide aerial footage from outside a structure or above a large wildfire or search area. These new drones can operate reliably inside a building, which will be especially valuable for Hazmat, structural collapse, and other dangerous calls."

Watch a video explaining the program on the Department of Fire Services' YouTube channel.

DFS tested the drones over the course of 2025 and procured three of them during the fall. The Special Operations team demonstrated the drones for DFS Hazmat technicians, State Police fire investigators and bomb technicians assigned to the State Fire Marshal's office, and the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's senior leadership for input before announcing the new program publicly. The drones were also put into use onboard the USS Massachusetts during the Massachusetts Association of Technical Rescue Specialists' 2025 Tech Rescue Challenge.

"We try to gather as much information on the hot zone environment as we can before sending a Hazmat technician downrange," said Timothy Gallagher, deputy director of the DFS Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Division. "The real-time footage from these drones could help us identify hazards or threats, allowing us to form an entry plan that's safer for our personnel."

"Fire investigators are often called to structures that are badly damaged and unsafe for entry," said Lt. Marc Reidy, commander of the State Police Fire & Explosion Investigation Unit assigned to the State Fire Marshal's office. "Our bomb technicians frequently have to assess suspicious devices and energetic materials in homes, businesses, and other buildings. Streaming a live feed from these environments to a safe location is a smart use of technology to keep first responders and the public out of harm's way."

The DFS Special Operations team provided direct operational support to local fire departments with assets that many departments need occasionally but few can afford to purchase. Its resources include four Rehab units to keep firefighters healthy, hydrated, and fed at large-scale incidents; three Incident Support Units to provide on-scene communications, conferencing, and mapping capabilities; all-terrain vehicles to shuttler personnel and equipment in remote or off-road environments; and a variety of trailer-based resources to make a tough job a little easier. It has delivered drones and certified pilots for about 10 years, consistently upgrading to reflect the latest advances. About a dozen are staged across Massachusetts for rapid response when requested.

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Wilmington SPORTS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025

Wilmington High Athletic Hall of Fame welcomes new class

The Wilmington High Athletic Hall of Fame induction class included (Front Row, from left) Jamie Pote, Sue Hendee, Bill Tate, Cam Owens, Drew Foley; (Back Row) Bob Surran, Connor Bennett, Dan Ballou, Anthony Cutone. (Courtesy photo)

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Recently, the Wilmington High Athletic Hall of Fame welcomed a new class while also introducing a new "Wall of Fame" at Wilmington High.

The latest class of inductees included:

Benefactor
JAMIE POTE

Jamie Pote was a fixture on the Wilmington sports scene in his 30 years at the Town Crier newspaper. Starting as an intern in May of 1993, Pote was quickly promoted to the role of sports editor at the age of 18.

Pote covered roughly 2,500 Wilmington High School games throughout his tenure, penning stories on seven team state champions, four state finalists, 14 sectional champions, 12 sectional finalists, and 29 Thanksgiving football games.

He covered four 1,000-point scorers in basketball and 11 individual state champions between track, wrestling and golf. He also covered 62 league championship teams.

The Town Crier's sports sections tripled in page size when Pote took over as editor.

Whether it was the all-star player or the unsung hero, Pote provided a platform for all athletes at WHS through his detailed and complete storytelling.

Along with standard game stories, features and roundups, Pote introduced special sections to highlight championship-winning teams or to honor figures of importance in the WHS community. His special sections put the spotlight on the Thanksgiving football game, two state championship hockey teams and a state finalist girls soccer team, while also devoting special sections to the annual Coach of the Year, Male and Female Athletes of the Year and athletes and coaches of the decade.

He compiled all-decade teams, all-time teams and wrote "Where are they now" stories to remember WHS legends of the past. He is currently working on his first novel, "Tales From the Wildcats: 90-year history of Wilmington High Football."

Pote, a 1992 WHS graduate, advocated for Wilmington athletes through extensive fundraising coverage, including Joe Bamberg Day, Little League parades, Kiwanis road races, Boston Marathon and Pan Mass Challenge participants, and all WHS Hall of Fame Inductees. Pote would even write recommendations for athletes applying to college and famously wrote an editorial to name the baseball field after Dick Scanlon, which immediately came to fruition.

Pote was a WHS athlete himself, who played two years of varsity hockey and two seasons of sub varsity baseball. He studied journalism at Northern Essex Community College and has been a freelance writer for the Lowell Sun for the past 28 years, while previously spending 10 years as a freelancer for the Boston Herald. Pote is currently in his second year as a sports reporter at the Eagle-Tribune.

Today, he resides in Hudson, Mass., with his wife, Julie, and twin daughters, Lennox and Teagan. Pote will join his sister, Nancy Cassidy, enshrined in 2006, in the WHS Hall of Fame.

His father, Tom, and brothers, Tommy and Erik, were multiple-sport athletes at WHS.

Coach
SUE HENDEE

Sue Hendee coached Wilmington High School Girls' Soccer from 1988 – 2022. She amassed a record of 324 wins, 237 losses, and 87 ties.

During her tenure, the team won 53 games in the Merrimack Valley Conference (7 seasons), 127 games in the Cape Ann League Conference (16 seasons), and 144 games in the Middlesex League (12 seasons).

In the Cape Ann League, she won back-to-back league titles (2003, 2004). In the Middlesex League, her teams were powerhouses. They won an incredible seven straight league titles (2011 – 2017).

In 2012, the team was Division II North runner up. In the next year (2013), the team was crowned Division II North Champion.

They advanced to the Eastern Mass Championship game (no western mass this year), which was essentially the state title game.

Hendee was born in Pittsford, NY where she attended Pittsford Southerland High School (class of 1978). At Southerland, Sue was a prolific three-sport athlete playing soccer, basketball, and softball.

In her senior year, the soccer team finished with an incredible 18-1-1 record. This is the furthest any team could go at that time. This accomplishment is the equivalent of what used to be the Massachusetts North Sectional Finals.

Hendee attended Springfield College in Springfield, MA majoring in physical education.

In her first two years here, Hendee played club soccer due to the fact there was no varsity program in place just yet.

As a junior, Springfield College officially began a varsity program. The team has instant success including winning the New England Women's Soccer Association Tournament.

After graduation from Springfield, Hendee went back to her home state of New York and became a physical education teacher in a small town near Indian Lake. She taught physical education for grades kindergarten through senior year of high school as each class size was approximately 20 students.

In 1986 she returned to Massachusetts and took a temporary position at the Cambridge Shady Hill School. The next year, she began her teaching career for Wilmington Public Schools.

Hendee taught two years at the Wildwood School, another two years at the Woburn Street School, and 29 years at the Shawsheen Elementary school.

In 2019, her team was named the recipient of the Eastern Massachusetts Girls' Soccer Coaches Association Program of Excellence Award. She and her team received this award at a reception at the State House. This award challenged high school teams to show proof of commitment, player recognition, academic success, coaching education, community service, sportsmanship, and character. Teams had to excel on and off the field. Wilmington was one of eight schools to win this inaugural award joined by Hopkinton, Hull, Mansfield, Marshfield, Medway, Needham, and Winchester.

In addition to her team accomplishments, Hendee has received a multitude of individual soccer awards. She has been named Coach of the Year for both the Merrimack Valley Conference (1993) and for the Cape Ann League (2003).

In 2012, she also was named the Eastern Mass Girls' soccer Coaches Association Coach of the Year, and the Massachusetts State Coach of the Year.

In 2015, she would repeat as Coach of the Year for Eastern Mass Girls Soccer Coaches Association and Massachusetts State.

In 2018, she had the privilege of being named one of 30 coaches (and the only one from Massachusetts) to be named a winner of the High School Coach of Significance Award.

This award is intended to recognize those who are coaching for character, using the soccer field to teach lessons. It is an opportunity for each state in conjunction with the United Soccer Coaches to recognize excellence and share stories of how coaches are making an impact within their schools and community well beyond their wins and losses.

Over the 30 years, Hendee has been an integral part of the Pan Mass Challenge. She also has been a co-organizer of the Wilmington Mass Challenge for Kids. In both capacities, she has raised over $350,000 for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

For seven seasons, she and the Stoneham High Girls' Soccer Coach (Sharon Chapman) organized a "Kick Cancer" fundraiser. This was held twice a year when each team played one another. The fundraiser has helped to raise tens of thousands of dollars for the Susan G. Komen for a Cure Foundation and for Wilmington's own Hope and Friendship Metastatic Breast Cancer Foundation.

The latter is a nonprofit volunteer organization enhancing the lives of men and women with Metastatic (Stage IV) breast cancer and their families in the north shore, Merrimack Valley, and the Southern New Hampshire areas.

Hendee has held office in many professional affiliations. Most notably, she was the Vice President of the Eastern Massachusetts Girls' Soccer Coaches Association (2015 - 2022) and as the Coaches Representative for the MIAA Soccer Committee (2016 - 2022).

Hendee leaves coaching as the all-time winningest female coach in Wilmington High School history. She is enshrined in the Massachusetts state soccer coaches Hall of Fame. She also has been honored by the state by having one of the final four brackets named after her.

Coach
BOB SURRAN

Back in 2000, Robert "Bob" Surran was inducted into the Wilmington High School Athletic Hall of Fame as a benefactor, honored for over 40 years of dedicated service to youth and high school sports in Wilmington. His tireless work with WCTV and more than 20 years as Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee left a lasting mark on the community.

At the most recent banquet, Surran receives a rare distinction — a second induction. He joins Jim Gillis as one of only two individuals in school history honored as both a benefactor and a head coach.

Named the 20th coach inducted into the Hall of Fame, Surran led the Wilmington softball program from 2002 to 2008 with great success. Over seven seasons, he compiled a 99-40 record (.712 winning percentage), won a share of three straight Cape Ann League titles (2002 -2004), and was named Cape Ann League Coach of the Year.

His teams made five state tournament appearances, winning seven games and advancing to the Division 2 North Final in 2002 and the sectional semifinals in 2004.

Surran's first season (2002) was standout. Wilmington went 15-3 in the regular season, won a share of the league title, and reached the Division 2 North Final, with shutout victories over North Reading, North Andover, and Burlington. That run ended with a tough 4–1 loss to Central Catholic.

In 2003, Wilmington went 17-2, again sharing the league title and winning a first-round tournament game before falling to Triton.

The 2004 season remains unforgettable. The Wildcats, 18-2 entering the playoffs, beat Presentation of Mary Academy and Bedford before losing to Triton in an 18-inning, two-day thriller — one of the longest tournament games in MIAA history.

"The girls played their hearts out," Surran told the Town Crier. "It was a fun game to be part of until the 18th inning. But I'm not disappointed. Everything was done right."

Wilmington's success continued: 16-5 in 2005, including a playoff win over Bedford, and another postseason trip in 2006 with a 12-9 record.

Across seven seasons, Surran coached seven future Wilmington High Hall of Famers:

Jackie Rubino, Lauren Rappoli, Jackee Joyce, Shannon Fahey, Lani Cabral-Pini, and Brittney McLaughlin.

DANNY BALLOU
Class of 1993

Few athletes in Wilmington High history have matched the all-around excellence of Danny Ballou, a true multi-sport standout whose speed, versatility, and competitive spirit left a lasting mark on both the football field and the track.

As a senior, Ballou star-

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▲ The 2004 football team from Wilmington High was honored at the recent Hall of Fame ceremony. (Photo by Joe Brown)

New crop of Hall of Fame members honored

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▲ A new Wall of Fame is on display at Wilmington High. The beautiful collection of photos of Wilmington High Athletic Hall of Fame inductees can be seen outside the WHS gym. (Courtesy photo)

red for the Wildcat football team, earning First Team MVC, and Shriner's Game honors.

At just 6 feet, 151 pounds, he was a dynamic playmaker who could score from anywhere on the field — recording 12 total touchdowns, including five receiving, four rushing, two on kickoff returns (83 and 84 yards), and one on an 88-yard punt return.

With two games left in the season, he led the league in touchdowns, showcasing rare ability as a running back, wide receiver, kick returner, and punt returner.

On the track, Ballou was equally remarkable.

As a senior, he finished 2nd in the 300 meters at the Class C Championship, then anchored the legendary 4x400 relay team — alongside Tom Aprile, Tom Killilea, and Tom Zaya (with Dennis Godin as alternate) — that captured Class C Relay, State, All-State, and New England titles, and had the 5th best time in the nation. The team set both a school and state record with a time of 3:24.54, edging out Brockton, who had previously held the state mark.

Ballou earned All-Conference and Team MVP honors while earning 12 varsity letters.

After high school, he walked on to play football at Wake Forest University, continuing his athletic journey at the collegiate level. During his four years at Wake Forest as a wide receiver he had 60 catches for 795 yards with four touchdowns. He was named male athlete of the decade by the Town Crier.

Ballou went on to coach a combined 11 seasons of football at Merrimack College, Northeastern University, and Wilmington High School. He also spent a year coaching softball alongside his Hall of Fame uncle Paul Lyman and fellow Hall of Famer Jake Townsend.

Ballou now lives in Andover with his wife Natasha and their son Daniel IV, a member of the Central Catholic football team. He serves as Director of Accounting Services for Sumitomo Pharma America in Marlborough.

Danny comes from a proud Wildcat family — parents Daniel and Dawn, and siblings Sean, Rory, and Meghan Fennelly — all of whom were WHS athletes, carrying forward a family legacy of excellence.

CONNOR BENNETT
Class of 2015

Connor Bennett was a three-year basketball starter. His senior co-captain season was one for the record books, during which he scored 501 points over 21 games which is the second highest single season point total at Wilmington High School in over 40 years averaging 23.9 points per game along with 17 rebounds and 7 blocks per game.

He finished his career with a total of 1,001 points, cracking the 1,000-point plateau on his last field goal in the team's state tournament game against Marblehead.

His senior season highlights included tying the Wilmington High School (post 1980) individual game scoring record of 39 points in a game vs. Watertown. He also holds the school record for single game rebounds at 26.

For his accomplishments, Bennett was named Team Most Valuable Player, Player of the Year in the Freedom Division of the Middlesex League (to date the only WHS Boys Basketball player to win this award), and Wilmington High's Male Athlete of the Year in his senior year.

Additionally, during Bennett's junior year he averaged 15 points and 14 rebounds per game and was named Team Most Valuable Player and Middlesex Freedom Division All Conference All-Star.

Joe Maiella, his high school coach, offered the following: "I had the pleasure of watching him grow as a player and witness him have one of the most dominant senior seasons that I have seen in my years of being involved with high school basketball."

Bennett also played football during his freshman and sophomore seasons and participated in track and field all four years. He competed in many track events, placing 15th in discus at the All-State Meet, and was a leading member of the state title winning decathlon team. He was a High Honor Roll student.

Bennett walked on to U-Mass Lowell's men's basketball team midseason his freshman year. He eventually earned a scholarship. Highlights of his college career include appearing in 38 career games with four starts, totaling 117 points, 70 rebounds, 11 assists and nine blocks and registering a 65.8 field goal percentage and a 67.7 free throw percentage.

He was president of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee at UML organizing and participating in many school events.

Bennett now lives in East Bridgewater, with his fiancée Jordana and their son Colton.

Bennett followed his passion to teach and currently teaches 8th grade science at Abington Middle School where he met his soon-to-be wife, Jordana. He also coaches all three seasons of cross country and track and field for Abington High School. He has had the privilege of being a member of the coaching staff that have won multiple league titles in all three sports, and he has proudly coached several school record holders in the hurdling events.

ANTHONY "TONY" CUTONE
Class of 1986

'7Anthony "Tony" Cutone was a true Wilmington High student-athlete, starring in football and track before graduating in 1986.

Known for running over defenders with his 5-foot-10, 200-pound frame, Cutone is regarded as one of the top running backs in the football program's 90-year history.

After backing up Hall of Famers Jon Nolan and Ed Olshaw his first two seasons, Cutone took over as the featured back and quickly became one of the state's best. In the first three games of his junior year, he rushed for 550 yards and six touchdowns, including a 201-yard, three-touchdown effort in Wilmington's first win over Andover in nine years.

He finished with 1,109 rushing yards that season.

As a senior, he led all Division 2 scorers statewide with 92 points, tallying 14 touchdowns and 933 rushing yards. Highlights included a 227-yard, four-touchdown performance against Billerica and two-touchdown games versus Haverhill, Andover, and Methuen.

"Cutone's a blue-collar back, a real hard runner," said Lowell coach Walter Nelson. "It takes more than one guy to bring him down. If I could pick one back in the conference, I'd take Cutone."

His final game came in the legendary 1985 "Snow Bowl," a heartbreaking 7-6 loss to eventual Super Bowl champion Tewksbury.

Known as much for his humility as his power, Coach Ed Harrison told the Town Crier, "People talk about how good he is, and he just passes the buck. All he thinks about is the team."

Cutone's accolades included Merrimack Valley All-Conference and Shriner's All-Star as well as recognition among 40 top student-athletes statewide.

In track and field, he excelled in the javelin, 100-meter dash, and 4x100 relay. Alongside Chris Athanasia and Peter Campbell, he helped the Wildcats dominate the javelin, placing top three in the state relays each year, with first-place finishes as a junior and senior. He also contributed to the 1986 league champion track team.

After graduation, Cutone joined the Harvard University football program, earning a varsity letter in 1989.

DANIELLE FAY
Class of 1989

One of Wilmington High School's most accomplished three-sport athletes, Danielle Fay earned an incredible 12 varsity letters during her career while excelling in soccer, basketball, and softball.

On the soccer field, Fay was a four-year standout, serving as captain her senior year.

She was named team MVP, All-Conference and also earned All-Conference honors as a junior. Known for her physical dominance and high-level soccer IQ, Fay was recognized by Coach Sue Hendee as "one of the best female three-sport athletes to come through Wilmington High School."

In basketball, Fay was again a four-year varsity player and senior captain. She earned All-Conference and Team MVP honors her senior year, was selected a league All-Star as a junior, and represented Wilmington and the Northeast Region in the Bay State Games.

On the softball diamond, Fay completed her remarkable athletic career as a four-year varsity player, senior captain, and league All-Star.

Capping her senior year, Danielle was honored with the prestigious Dr. Fagan Award as Wilmington High School's Most Outstanding Female Athlete in 1989.

Fay went on to continue her soccer career at Merrimack College, where she played for two years. In 1990, she earned recognition as a Regional All-American, Northeast-10

Conference All-Star, Northeast-10 Conference Tournament MVP, and team co-MVP.

She later transferred to Salem State College, where she continued to compete for two more years.

Fay is proud to join her younger sister, Adrienne, as a member of the Wilmington High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

DREW FOLEY
Class of 2014

Drew Foley was a 2014 graduate of Wilmington High School.

He was an excellent student, ranked 17th in his class, a National Honor Society Member, and an incredibly talented athlete earning All-Scholastic Honors in two sports — Soccer and Ice Hockey.

On the Soccer Field, He played Varsity (center/midfield) all four years scoring 29 Goals to go with 12 Assists. He was elected captain of the team in his Senior Year.

Among his many awards were: WHS Soccer MVP, Middlesex League All-Star (junior/senior year), Eastern Mass All-Star Team, All-State Team, and Agganis All-Star Team.

Although an outstanding soccer player, Foley's best sport was hockey. He was the starting goalie for three years; he compiled a regular season record of 52 wins — 11 loses — 14 ties with a .933 save percentage and 1.52 goals against average with 19 shutouts and playoff record 13 wins-1 loss with 4 shutouts.

Foley's sophomore year, he led the team into the State Tournament, going undefeated and earning the Wildcats their first State Division 2 Championship. He was named the team CO-MVP along with Cam Owens.

In his junior year, Foley led the team to a Middlesex League Title, an undefeated Tournament run and a trip to the TD Garden where they defended their Division 2 state championship. He was voted a Middlesex League All-Star.

The reward for winning back-to-back titles, the State Hockey Officials moved the team up to Division 1. They again had an outstanding playoff run, finishing as a Division 1 North Finalist.

For his Senior year Foley was selected as the Team MVP, Middlesex League All Star and Middlesex League MVP.

Foley was the first two-time All-Scholastic Goalie voted into the Wilmington High School Athletic Hall of Fame and one of the most decorated Athletes in the history of WHS Sports.

After high school, Foley played in the goal for the New Hampshire Junior Monarchs and the East Coast Wizards. His athletic career was cut short following hip replacement surgery.

Foley attended UMass/Lowell graduating with a Degree in Mechanical Engineering and is currently employed as an Engineer with AW Chesterton in Groveland.

Foley currently resides in Tyngsborough with his close friend Tim Aalerud.

CAM OWENS
Class of 2013

Few athletes have electrified Wilmington hockey fans quite like Cam Owens, whose remarkable four-year varsity career helped define a golden era for WHS hockey.

A two-time state champion and three-time Middlesex League champion, Owens combined quickness, creativity, and elite hockey IQ to become the engine of Wilmington's most successful era. His explosive first step, sharp playmaking, and unselfish style made him a constant threat on the ice and elevated everyone around him. He shined brightest in clutch moments — none bigger than his hat trick at TD Garden that clinched Wilmington's first-ever state championship as a junior.

As a senior captain, Owens led the Wildcats to a second consecutive state title, cementing his status as one of the program's all-time greats. He graduated as Wilmington's career scoring leader with 72 goals and 86 assists (158 points), breaking the record previously held by his brother, Justin.

Owens earned widespread recognition among the state's elite, with honors including Middlesex League MVP, Massachusetts Division 2 Player of the Year and Massachusetts State Coaches Association All-Star.

Continuing his career at Plattsburgh State, Owens proved just as impactful at the collegiate level, serving as a steady playmaker and offensive leader. He earned PrimeLink Great Northern ShootOut MVP, SUNYAC Athlete of the Week, and *D3hockey.com* National Team of the Week honors. He was a first team All-Conference selection as a senior.

Over four seasons, he totaled 22 goals and 48 assists for 70 points — a testament to his consistency, vision, and skill.

WILLIAM "BILL" TATE
Class of 1997

Bill Tate's wrestling journey began in the winter of 1993, marking the start of an inspiring high school career defined by determination, perseverance, and excellence.

His early promise was clear when, as a freshman, he placed 5th in his sectional tournament. By his sophomore year, Tate's dedication propelled him to become only the fifth wrestler in Wilmington High School history to win a sectional championship — an achievement that showcased both his talent and commitment.

Despite these early successes, Tate faced a recurring challenge: being caught and pinned in a headlock. Determined to overcome it, he sought improvement through off-season judo training during his junior and senior years.

He also attended intensive wrestling camps, including a demanding 28-day camp at the University of Minnesota, where he earned his camp T-shirt through consistent effort and positive points — a testament to his relentless work ethic.

During his junior year, Tate continued to excel despite illness that limited his performance in the state tournament, where he placed 4th in sectionals. His resilience never wavered.

Entering his senior year with the goal of becoming the best in his weight class, Tate committed to an even more rigorous training regimen — running to school most days and competing on the cross-country team to sharpen his endurance and mental toughness.

The pinnacle of his high school career came in 1997, when Tate captured the State Championship.

Early in the final match, he was caught in a headlock and taken to his back — an almost losing position. Yet, in a remarkable display of heart and determination, he battled back to win 12-5, shutting down his opponent for the rest of the match.

Beyond the mat, Tate was known for his hard work, honesty, humility, and leadership.

After graduation, he continued to exemplify those values while serving honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps. His high school record speaks for itself: a 41-6 senior season with 32 pins, two sectional championships, and notable placements at both the State and All-State levels. He was the first WHS wrestler to compete and place in both the All-State and New England tournaments and to qualify for the National Tournament in Pittsburgh.

TEAM
Wilmington High football (2004)

Coming off an exciting 9–2 campaign, the Wilmington High School football team entered the 2004 season with plenty of returning talent at the skill positions, but a good deal of inexperience on both the offensive and defensive lines. Assistant coach Mike Barry and the staff knew they had their work cut out for them.

Heading into the season, the consensus among newspapers and coaches was that Masconomet Regional was the clear favorite to capture the Cape Ann League title, with Pentucket Regional and North Andover expected to contend as well.

Wilmington, however, had other ideas.

The Wildcats silenced the doubters, not only winning the Cape Ann League but setting a school record for most wins in a season (11).

The team finished the regular season undefeated at 11–0, marking its first perfect campaign since 1972, and qualified for the MIAA Division 2A Eastern Mass playoffs for the first time since 1976.

The Wildcats opened the year with six straight wins, then capped the regular season with three thrilling victories: a 28–14 triumph over Pentucket (their first over the Sachems since 1997), a 20–14 overtime win against Masconomet, and an unforgettable 30–29 come-from-behind victory over North Andover, highlighted by three fourth-quarter touchdowns.

Wilmington then defeated Tewksbury 19 - 8 — marking the first time since the 1983–84 seasons the Wildcats topped the Redmen in consecutive years.

Just five days later, their memorable run ended with a 38–20 loss to a strong Hingham squad in the first round of the Division 2A Eastern Mass playoffs.

"We had a lot of overachievers," said WHS coach Bob Almeida after the season. "We knew that quarterback Joe Herra was outstanding, but I really do think we had a group of overachievers. These kids were tough — just really tough. This team wasn't necessarily better than others we've had, but they rose to the occasion. They were gamers."

"When you have an 11–0 team, you have guys who make plays. We had enough athletic kids who did just that. We weren't the biggest team, we weren't the smallest team — but we were the most athletic team in the skilled positions."

Wilmington's Alison McElligott kicks the ball away from Woburn defenders Sabrina LaVita, left, and Mikayla Curli during Tuesday's girls soccer match in Wilmington. Wilmington won, 1-0.
(Credit Image: James Thomas)

Wilmington's Joseph Glaser brings the ball under control during Saturday's match at Tewksbury High School. Tewksbury won, 7-0.
(Credit Image: James Thomas)

Middlesex League recognizes several Wildcats as all stars

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Several Wilmington High athletes were honored with recognition as Middlesex League all stars during the fall campaign.

Senior Cate MacDonald was rewarded for her solid season with the girls soccer team.

MacDonald was named to the league's all-conference team after a Middlesex League Freedom Division title for the Wildcats.

In all, the Wildcats had six Freedom Division all stars, a group that included MacDonald, senior Erin McCarthy, senior Alison McElligott, sophomore Avery King and freshmen Callie Lamarche and Nyla Chimwanda.

The Wildcats went 11-3-4 in the regular season and were seeded 12th in Div. 3. In the state tournament, WHS beat Scituate and East Bridgewater before falling to Pope Francis in the state quarterfinals.

The Wilmington cheer squad also won a league championship and had three all stars recognized. The Wildcat all stars included Lily McLaughlin, Erin Murray and Lily French.

In cross country, two Wildcat girls were honored. Junior Charlotte Kiley and junior Katelyn LaPointe were both named Freedom Division all stars.

Two WHS boys were also named to the all-star team, including senior Gavin Dong and freshman Cooper Hunt.

The boys soccer team had an all-star selection as senior Joe Glaser earned a spot on the Freedom Division squad.

WHS volleyball also had a player honored as senior Kaleigh Quinn was a Freedom

DIVISION ALL-STAR SELECTION

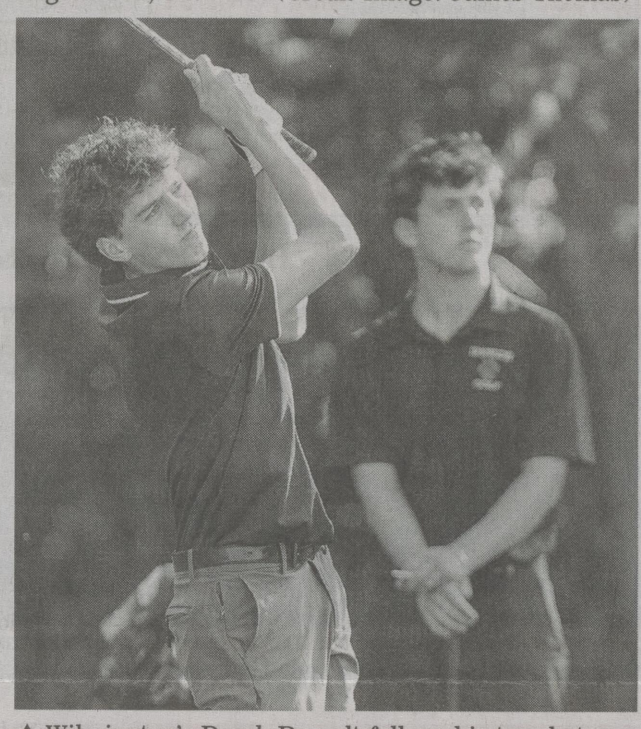
In football, senior Pat DeLucia was selected as a member of the all-conference team for his work on both sides of the football.

The Wildcats had six all-star selections including DeLucia, Ayden Bellevy, Gus Lambert, Noah Matton, Colin Allard and Mark Holleran.

The Wildcat field hockey team reached the state tournament and were rewarded with two members of the Freedom Division all-star team.

Senior Leah Langone and sophomore Emma Allard were honored for WHS.

▶ Burlington's Shayla Kocur, left, and Wilmington's Emma Allard vie for possession during Thursday's field hockey game at Burlington High School. Burlington won, 1-0. (Credit Image: James Thomas)

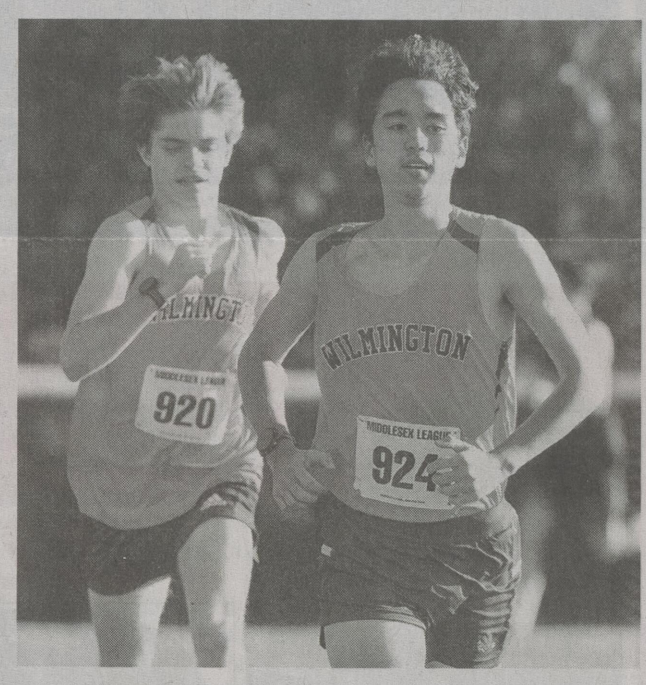


▲ Wilmington's Derek Perault follows his tee shot on the second hole Tuesday at Hillview Golf Course in North Reading. Wilmington edged Ipswich, 37-35.
(Credit Image: James Thomas)

▶ Wilmington's Gavin Dong, front.
(Credit Image: James Thomas)

Perhaps the biggest surprise of the fall was the Wilmington golf team, who enjoyed a terrific season after struggling for wins for several seasons.

Freedom Division all-star choices for the Wildcats were Roman Synnott, Derek Perault, Nate Anderson and Isaac Tavares.



Bantam 1 team split two games

By RAYMOND MERCURI
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The Wilmington Bantam 1 Wildcats headed into the weekend, facing a challenging two-game set, beginning with a Friday night trip down Route One to the Hilltop Steak House, home of Lynnfield/Saugus.

Wilmington came in riding momentum after a hard-fought 2–1 victory over Woburn the previous weekend, but the Wildcats were shorthanded for this contest, missing Brayden Warford and captain Brendan Cyr. Wilmington rolled with just three defensemen; Jayden Onos, Johnny Raposo, and Matthew Riley, while Evan Jageler, fresh off a stellar performance the week before, got the start between the pipes.

Up front, the Wildcats skated with Grayson Lynch centering Mason King and Matthew Fogg, while Stella Hardiman centered Mason Desmond and Zachary Stroud.

The opening period was fast-paced, with play moving end to end. Wilmington struck first with 6:26 remaining in the period. Behind the Lynnfield net, Lynch battled through two defenders to free the puck and slide it to Desmond along the side boards. Desmond quickly spotted Stroud parked in front, feeding him for the finish and a 1–0 Wildcats lead after one.

Wilmington added to the lead midway through the second period. With 9:14 remaining, Lynch scooped up a loose puck in his own slot and carried it down the right wing.

Drawing a defender toward him in the faceoff circle, Lynch moved the puck to King, who redirected it toward the back door. Matthew Fogg fired it on goal, and King pounced on the rebound to give the Wildcats a 2–0 advantage.

Lynnfield/Saugus responded late in the second, scoring at 3:40 and again at 1:27 to tie the game at 2–2. The Wildcats answered back with just 17 seconds left in the period when defenseman Johnny Raposo showcased his speed, carrying the puck from his own blue line, crossing the ice on entry, beating a defender wide, and tucking a backhander home to regain the lead.

However, the period ended in heartbreak for Wilmington, as Lynnfield found a loose puck in the corner and slipped it to an uncovered forward in the slot with less than a second remaining, tying the game at 3–3 heading into the third.

Momentum swung quickly in the final frame, with Lynnfield taking its first lead just 21 seconds in. Wilmington responded one minute later when Lynch again drove wide into the zone and found King, who buried his second goal of the night. The assist marked Lynch's third of the game to earn the playmaker.

That would be as close as the Wildcats would get.

▲ From left to right, Matthew Fogg, John Raposo, Zach Stroud, Matthew Riley, and Mason Desmond are all smiles as they celebrate Zach Stroud's top-corner goal.
(Photo by Michael Stroud)

Lynnfield/Saugus scored the next two goals and added an empty netter to seal the contest. Jageler turned aside 28 of 34 shots in a great effort, but Wilmington ultimately fell, 7–4.

Wildcats rally late against Woburn

The Wildcats' second game of the weekend sent them back on the road to Woburn for a rematch of the previous week's tight 2–1 victory. Short on bodies, the Wildcats leaned on their depth and weren't afraid to mix things up, calling up three 11-year-olds, Nicky Mastronardi, Christopher Freeman, and Brennan Lynch, to skate alongside the 13- and 14-year old core.

Woburn struck first, just 51 seconds into the opening period, capitalizing on an errant Wildcats dump up the boards that landed directly on a Tanner defenseman's stick. A quick feed into the slot followed, and Wildcats goaltender Evan Jageler was screened by his own teammate, leaving him with no chance on the opening goal.

The Wildcats answered at 5:32 of the first in spectacular fashion. Johnny Raposo corralled a save off Jageler, took the puck behind his own net, and turned on the jets.

Weaving down the ice and splitting four defenders along what is called the Royal Highway. Raposo finished the coast to coast rush to knot the game at 1–1. Jaydn Onos and goalie Evan Jageler earned helpers on the play of the day.

The game remained tied through the early stages of the second period until 10:12, when eighth-grader Matthew Fogg created offense from nothing. Scooping up a loose puck high in his own end, Fogg accelerated through the neutral zone, crossed the blue line, wound up, and unloaded a low slap shot. Woburn goalie Michael Tremonte made a strong kick save, but Raposo was right where he needed to be, burying the rebound to give the Wildcats a 2–1 lead.

Woburn responded with two goals of their own, however, and carried a 3–2 advantage into the third period.

The Wildcats refused to give up and show the young guns Freeman, Mastronardi, and Lynch what Wildcats do. With 2:59 remaining, Raposo once again powered through traffic, drawing multiple defenders wide and creating space for Zach Stroud. Raposo slid a pass across, and Stroud snapped it glove side, top corner, to tie the game at 3–3.

The decisive moment came with just 29.2 seconds left. Grayson Lynch blasted a slap shot that sailed high over the net, but Raposo tracked down the puck in the corner and carried it behind the cage. Showing patience and poise, he unselfishly dished the puck to Matthew Fogg, who was sitting pretty in the slot and whistled it home to put the Wildcats ahead for good. John Raposo wears the battle helmet home for player of the game.

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OBITUARIES

Sandra 'Sandie' (Matthews) Cushing

Loved gardening and crafting

Sandra (Matthews) Cushing, lovingly known as "Sandie," age 79, a lifelong resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully on Dec. 6, 2025, surrounded by her devoted family after a courageous battle with cancer.

Sandie was born on Jan. 21, 1946, in Winchester, the cherished daughter of the late Lloyd and Grace (Porter) Matthews. She grew up in a warm and loving home in Wilmington and graduated from Wilmington High School with the Class of 1964.

While in high school, Sandie met the love of her life, Jack Cushing. The two were married on Sept. 19, 1965, and settled in Wilmington, where they built a beautiful life together and raised their two boys, Ed and Eric.

Sandie and Jack were incredibly devoted parents, rarely missing a school function or a game, always cheering proudly from the sidelines.

Family was the heart of everything Sandie did. Her greatest joy came when she became "Grammy" to her five grandchildren, whom she adored. She embraced her role with boundless warmth and enthusiasm — attending their activities, celebrating their milestones, and cherishing each visit.

Sandie was known for her strong work ethic and caring nature. She spent many dedicated years with Sweetheart Plastics, beginning in the food department before moving into a role as a benefits administrator in Human Resources, where she worked until her retirement.

After retiring, Sandie lovingly became an at-home nanny for the Peterson girls — Hadley, Sloane, Willa and Layne, quickly earning the affectionate nickname "Grammy Sandy."

Her passion for life extended to her beautiful yard and gardens, which she tended with pride. Sandie enjoyed mowing her lawn, planting vibrant gardens, and keeping her home perfectly decorated for each season. Her home was always a welcoming place, especially during the holidays, when family and friends gathered to share laughter and love.

Sandie and Jack have always been very involved in their community; Jack often organized social gatherings and functions for Wilmington alumni including softball games and Hall of Fame dinners. He could always count on Sandie to be there with unwavering love and support for his special causes.

They also brought joy to the community by starting a bocci league in their own backyard. The courts soon became a beloved gathering place for both recreation and charity, hosting league play several times a week as well as special tournaments to support local organizations.

In quieter moments, Sandie enjoyed puzzles and expressing her creativity through crafts. One of her proudest creations was a handmade miniature replica of her son's home — complete with tiny furniture and decorations — which she generously donated to the Rotary Club for charity.

Sandie's legacy is one of love, care, and community. Her kindness, generosity, and thoughtful nature made a lasting impact on everyone who knew her. She will be remembered for her warm heart, her unwavering devotion to her family, and the joy she brought into so many lives.

Sandie is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, John "Jack" Cushing; her devoted sons, Ed Cushing and his wife Melissa of Easton, and Eric Cushing and his wife Jennifer of Wilmington; and her beloved grandchildren, Shea, Owen, Piper, Brynn, and Luke. She was the dear sister of Carol Wood and her late husband Dick of Portsmouth, NH, and sister of the late Lorraine Roy and her husband Ray of Leominster.

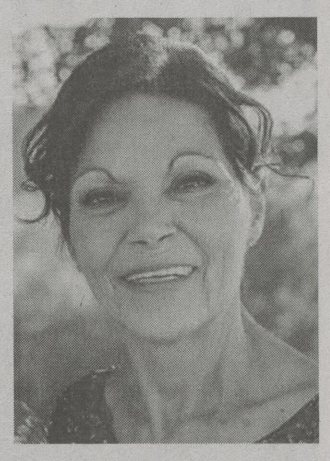
Sandie was the cherished sister-in-law of the late Lawrence "Snookie" Cushing, Jr. and his wife Marion; Patricia Robarge and her late husband Joe "Sonny"; the late Charlie Cushing and his wife Evelyn, all of Wilmington; the late Pudgie Cushing; the late James "Jimmy" Cushing and his wife Suzie of Methuen; Joan Buckley and her husband Ed of Tewksbury; and Gerald Cushing of Franklin, NH. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to gather for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Friday, Dec. 19, from 4 - 8 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held at the Funeral Home on Saturday, Dec. 20, at 11:30 a.m.

Memorial donations in Sandie's name may be made to Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, 383 Main Ave., 7th Fl., Norwalk, CT 06851. *www.themmrf.org*

Paula Marie (Williams) Gallant

Took great joy in becoming a nanny



Paula Marie (Williams) Gallant, age 63, a longtime resident of Wilmington, passed away on Dec. 14, 2025, following a courageous and unwavering battle with GVHD.

Paula was born on March 23, 1962, in Chelsea. She was the cherished daughter of the late Paul Williams and Barbara E. (Slevoski) Dunn. Paula was raised and educated in Chelsea, where she formed lifelong friendships and met the love of her life.

Paula met her husband, Paul Gallant, while they were growing up in Chelsea. They married in the early 1980s and made their home in Wilmington, where they raised their two beloved daughters, Meaghan and Katelyn.

Paula was a devoted wife, an exceptional homemaker, and a wonderful mother. Her family was always her greatest priority.

Known affectionately as the "cool mom," Paula opened her heart and her home to everyone. She had an open-door policy and welcomed her daughters' friends as if they were her own.

Paula was born to be a host and took great joy in bringing people together. She especially loved the holidays — Thanksgiving and Christmas were her favorites — and she had a remarkable gift for making those times truly magical for her family.

Paula shared a special and loving bond with her husband Paul, and together they cherished watching their daughters grow, built their lives, and eventually became loving grandparents. They enjoyed relaxing together in their yard by the pool and soaking in the simple pleasures of being together.

Paula adored her daughters unconditionally and was their biggest confidant and supporter. She never missed a cheerleading competition, skating event, or school activity, and she was endlessly proud of Meaghan and Katelyn, never missing an opportunity to tell them how deeply she loved them.

Becoming "Nanny" to her grandchildren was one of Paula's greatest joys. She Facetimed daily, celebrating every milestone and moment, and her love for her grandchildren knew no bounds.

Paula was diagnosed with cancer more than 12 years ago and faced her illness head-on with strength, courage, and grace. After receiving a bone marrow transplant, she became a survivor and continued to inspire everyone around her.

With her positive attitude and warm spirit, Paula became affectionately known as the "mayor" of the Feldberg 7 and Shapiro 7 floors at Beth Israel Hospital. Even in the midst of her own fight, she brought joy, comfort, and encouragement to nurses, doctors, and fellow patients with her radiant smile and kind words.

Paula will be remembered for her boundless love, selflessness, and compassion. She loved without judgment, always putting others before herself, and never complained. She was a strong and inspiring role model to her family and all who knew her, and she will be deeply missed.

Paula was the beloved wife of Paul Gallant; devoted mother of Meaghan Gallant and her late fiancée, Nathan Regan, of Wilmington, and Katelyn Caruso and her husband, Jack, of Watertown; and loving "Nanny" to the late Logan Regan, Marley Caruso, and Archer Caruso.

She was the dear sister of Walter Williams and his wife, Kim, of Revere; Robert Dunn of New Jersey; the late Shamus Dunn; and Cheryl Riley of Wilmington.

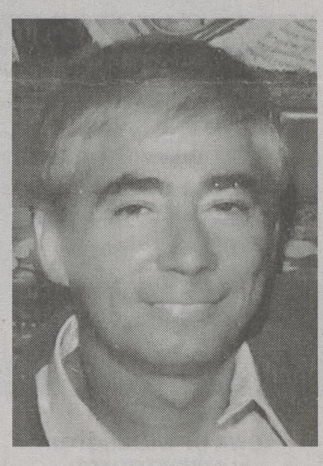
She was also the sister-in-law of Janet Gallant and her late husband Ricky Gallant. Paula is survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will gather for visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Avenue (Route 62), Wilmington, on Friday, Dec. 19, from 9 to 11 a.m., immediately followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 a.m. in St. Dorothy's Church, Main Street (Route 38), Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Paula's name may be made to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (Blood Cancer United), P.O. Box 22470, New York, NY 10087-2470, or to New England Donor Services, 60 First Avenue, Waltham, MA 02451.

Joseph P. Ryan

Served in the Army National Guard



Joseph P. Ryan, age 84, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully on Dec. 8, 2025.

Joe was born on March 17, 1941, in Lowell, the cherished son of the late Joseph and Kathryne (Castles) Ryan. He was raised in Lowell and graduated from Lowell High School with the Class of 1958.

Joe met the love of his life, Irene Saxones, at a local pharmacy in Lowell where his mother worked. With a little help from Kathryne, a conversation turned into a lifelong love, and in 1967 Joe and Irene were married at St. Margaret's Church.

The couple settled in Hathaway Acres in Wilmington, where they built a warm and loving home for their two children, James and Valerie.

On Sept. 22, 1963, Joe enlisted in the Army National Guard. He proudly served his country for six years, receiving his honorable discharge on Sept. 21, 1969.

A gifted barber with a warm personality, Joe opened his own barbershop in the center of Wilmington in 1962. He loved his work, his customers, and the daily conversations that filled his shop. Joe never retired — he remained dedicated to his craft and to his loyal "regulars," cutting hair until the time of his passing.

In the 1970s, Joe also worked a second job with Sweetheart Plastics, where he made many lifelong friends.

At the age of 40, Joe discovered a passion for running. Through hard work and determination, he became an accomplished runner and proudly completed two Boston Marathons.

Joe enjoyed spending time outdoors, tending to his yard and gardens. He was an avid New England sports fan who especially loved watching the Patriots and the Red Sox, and he held a special admiration for Ted Williams. Joe also enjoyed following the excitement of the Indy 500.

Joe was the beloved husband of the late Irene (Saxones) Ryan, the devoted father of Valerie Riccio and her husband Dan of Tewksbury, and James Ryan of Wilmington.

He was the dear brother of Eleanore McCormack of Nashua, NH, and the late Kathryne Sawtelle and Martha Frazier.

He was the loving brother-in-law of Joan Gormley and her late husband Christopher of Dracut. Joe is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to gather for Visiting Hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Monday, Dec. 15, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., immediately followed by a Funeral Service with Military Honors at 11:30 a.m. Interment will be private.

All four local UFCW Labor Unions endorse Tram Nguyen for Congress

ANDOVER — In a letter noting her years of consistent service in support of working families, all four local UFCW unions that serve members in Massachusetts have endorsed Tram Nguyen for Congress. UFCW Locals 329, 791, 1445, and 1459 know that Tram Nguyen is the candidate who will fight for workers in Washington.

Statement from Jack Kensela, Political Director, UFCW Local 1445:

"Our tens of thousands of members on the North Shore and across the state of Massachusetts need a strong voice representing their interests and the interests of working people in this seat, and we know that you will be a strong ally in this role."

UFCW's full letter of support is below.

Representative Nguyen,

We are privileged to write to you today to offer our endorsement for your campaign to represent Massachusetts' 6th District in the United States House of Representatives. Our tens of thousands of members on the North Shore and across the state of Massachusetts need a strong voice representing their interests and the interests of working people in this seat, and we know that you will be a strong ally in this role.

For us in the labor movement, there are many attributes we seek in candidates for elected office. A willingness to fight, experience in legislatives arenas, compassion for those who struggle to put food on the table, and ties to the community are important, and your record shows these qualities in abundance.

Your monumental victory to first get elected to the State Legislature, your leadership in office, and the issues you consistently bring to the forefront make that clear enough.

What stands out as crucial, however, is the experience dealing with the worst impulses of money-eyed interests and the brutal exploitation of working people when it seems that nobody is paying attention. Lip service and campaign promises only go so far, and promises only go so far when someone hasn't already been in a position to dig in their heels and stand up for those who too often are left without a voice.

Your years of experience with Greater Boston Legal Services before taking office make it clear that you will not be intimidated when it comes to protecting human dignity. From wage theft and exploitation, to sexual harassment and domestic violence, to discrimination against seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities, you have shown there is not a fight you will back down from if it means abandoning principles of justice and equity.

As union leaders, these are issues we hear about from our membership every day. While many elected officials support these fights, there are too few that have the experience to know what the nitty gritty details look like deep in their bones. We need more people in Congress with your experience advocating for these issues, who can ensure that government works for the people who are too busy working for a living to spend money making their issues heard.

We are excited to help get you into Congress and have you making sure working people's voices are heard.

UFCW Massachusetts

Kylee Bevis presents PICOT research project

BOSTON — **Kylee Bevis, of Wilmington,** showcased research skills and nursing knowledge through a PICOT presentation in December.

PICOT is short for: Population, Intervention, Comparison, Outcome, Time; It's a research framework used in nursing to structure clinical questions for evidence-based practice.

All told, 44 students in the Nursing Research course at Emmanuel's Maureen Murphy Wilkens School of Nursing & Clinical Sciences developed PICOT presentations over the course of the semester.

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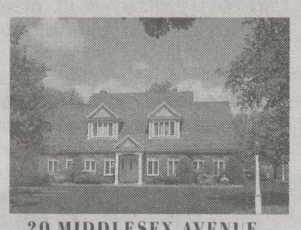

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All About the Flavors Episode 19 — Breakfast in a Bowl... A Casserole!

On a cold winter day, Bob knows just what to make to warm you up! The days are long and the weather will only continue to get more treacherous so here's a hearty breakfast that can be prepared in advance to help you start your day right!

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **January 6, 2026 at 7:10 p.m.** in Room 9 at Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #25-04 and Stormwater Management Permit #25-06, plan entitled, "Proposed Site Plan, 278 Lowell Street, (Tax Map 72 Lot 1B), Wilmington, Massachusetts"; dated December 9, 2025, prepared by Richard A Salvo, P.E., Engineering Alliance, Inc., 194 Central Street, Saugus, MA 01906, and George C. Collins, P.L.S., Boston Survey, Inc., Unit C-4 Shipway Place, Charlestown, MA 02119. The application is for the construction of a 2,500sf car wash. Said property is located at 278 Lowell Street and shown on Assessor's Map 72 Parcel 1B.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during normal business hours.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for furnishing the following item: **REDEVELOPMENT, SURGING AND CHEMICAL TREATMENT OF SHAWSHEEN AVE. GRAVEL PACKED WELL** will be received at the Office of the Town Manager, Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887 until the time specified below at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

Bid Specifications may be obtained at the Town of Wilmington website:
https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department

Bids will be opened in the Office of the Town Manager on **January 7, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.**

Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a BID BOND, CASH, or, CERTIFIED CHECK issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price.

A performance bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total amount of the contract price with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, as well as a labor and materials bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total contract price, if the contract is more than $25,000.

All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including, but not limited to G.L. c.30, §39M.

Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 through 27D inclusive.

Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.

The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids.

The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

The Town of Wilmington
R. Eric Slagle
Town Manager

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI25P6027EA

Estate of:
Patricia Ann Margeson
Date of Death:
October 17, 2025

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Robert A Margeson of Tewksbury MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Robert A Margeson of Tewksbury MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI25P5936EA

Estate of:
Dolores Anne Ouellette
Also Known As:
Dolores A. Ouellette
Date of Death: 09/08/2025

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Kevin J. Ouellette of Wellesley Hills MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Kevin J. Ouellette of Wellesley Hills MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

251315 12/18/25

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI25P6380EA

Estate of:
Arlene M Wright
Also Known As:
Arlene Wright
Date of Death: 09/30/2024

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Doreen Moore of Sandown NH** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Doreen Moore of Sandown NH has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI25P6199EA

Estate of:
James J O'Keefe
Date of Death:
September 8, 2025

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Emily O'Keefe of Wilmington, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Emily O'Keefe of Wilmington, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

251307 12/18/25

State Fire Marshal reminds residents of Christmas tree fire hazards

STOW — As the holiday season gets underway, State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine is reminding residents to select Christmas trees carefully, water them every day, and decorate them safely to reduce the risk of a fire.

"A dry Christmas tree can burn like a forest fire in your home," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "Water it every day, or firefighters might have to do it for you."

The Department of Fire Services recommends the following Christmas tree safety tips to help you have a Silent Night:

Choosing a Tree

Select a fresh tree with needles that bend and stay fixed to the branches. If a tree's needles crack when you bend them, or if they fall off when you run your hand along a branch, the tree is already drying out and you should choose a different tree.

Have about two inches cut from the bottom of the trunk before you put it up. Sap can clog an older cut and prevent it from absorbing water in the stand.

Picking the Right Spot at Home

Place your tree in a sturdy stand away from doors and windows. These are your escape routes in the event of an emergency, and firefighters may need to use them to enter.

Keep the tree at least three feet from any heat source, including fireplaces, wood stoves, heating vents, radiators, and space heaters.

Water the Tree Every Day

A fresh tree will drink a lot of water. It may need to be watered more than once a day at first, so keep the water level high. If the bottom of the trunk is exposed to air, sap could seal it off and cause it to dry out prematurely.

Even the freshest tree will start to dry out after a few days. Dispose of it promptly after the holiday.

Decorate Safely

Choose lights that are listed by an independent testing laboratory like UL or Intertek/ETL and follow the manufacturer's instructions and safety information.

Before plugging in a string of lights or hanging it on the tree, check the wiring for cracks, pinches, and wear. Discard any damaged strings.

When decorating outdoors, be sure the lights and extension cords are rated for outdoor use and plug them into an outlet with a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter.

Almost half of home decoration fires start with candles and other heat sources too close to decorations: Keep lit candles on a sturdy saucer or candleholder at least three feet from the tree. Even better, switch to battery-powered "flameless" candles, which flicker just like real thing.

For a video clip showing a Christmas tree fire under controlled conditions, visit the Department of Fire Services YouTube channel.

Picking the perfect tree

The Malone Family made their annual trip to pick out a Christmas Tree from the Wilmington United Methodist Church. (Rosalyn Impink photo)

RMLD welcomes accomplished utility professional Jason Small to serve as general manager

READING — Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) and its Board of Commissioners (board) have announced that Jason Small will take the helm as general manager effective Jan. 2, 2026. Small brings more than 20 years of deep utility experience as a proven, hands-on leader in electric distribution, substation and transmission systems, operations, capital planning, labor relations, and strategic development.

"On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, I am thrilled to welcome Jason as RMLD's new general manager. Jason's depth of experience in investor-owned and municipal utilities, along with his dedication to RMLD through his service on the Citizens Advisory Board, gives us a high degree of confidence that he will jump right in to lead the organization with commitment to our mission of providing reliable, low-cost, and increasingly non-carbon energy," said RMLD Board of Commissioners Chair Pam Daskalakis. "I also want to thank Paul Heanue for serving as interim general manager. Paul jumped in quickly and was a steady hand during a time of change. We are grateful for his diligence and support during his time with RMLD and wish him the best as he re-enters retirement."

"I'm truly excited for the opportunity to join RMLD as general manager and grateful to the Board of Commissioners for the trust they have placed in me," said Small. "RMLD has such a strong reputation for excellence, innovation, and community commitment. I look forward to contributing my skills to the dedicated, hard-working team at RMLD and growing together as we deliver on our shared mission to provide reliable, low-cost, and increasingly non-carbon energy to our customers."

Small will be joining RMLD from his current role as engineering and operations manager for the Town of Danvers, where he oversees daily and emergency operations across engineering, line operations, and technical services for the electric division.

Small's experience at Danvers, which includes leading energy systems planning, managing a $12 million annual capital budget, and ensuring operational reliability, will be an asset as he assumes the role of general manager at RMLD.

His professional work is complemented by his active engagement in industry leadership, including as a NEPPA award recipient, APPA panelist, and member of the RMLD Citizens' Advisory Board.

Earlier in his career, Small held progressively senior utility leadership positions at both Danvers and National Grid, which included managing major capital portfolios ranging from $1 million to $75 million, guiding multidisciplinary teams through complex distribution, substation, and transmission projects, and developing and implementing enhanced project management processes and risk management procedures.

Small holds a Master of Science in electrical and computer engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and a Bachelor of Science in engineering from the University of Maine. With these advanced credentials and his broad utility background in reliability, risk management, and grid modernization, Small will bring a proven track record of utility operational excellence and strategic vision to the role.

▲ JASON SMALL

Custodian 1-SC7
(Full-Time 40 Hours)

The Town of Winchester seeks qualified candidates for a full-time Custodian position available at hte Department of Public Works, School Department. This is a union position under the Service Employees International Union (SEIU Local 888) Complete job description is available online at www.winchester.us. Qualified applicants must possess a valid Massachusets driver's license and must eb capable of moderate ot heavy physical activity for extended periods of time.

Salary range is $25.43/hr. - $29.20/hr.

Daily Work Schedule to Be Defined After Union Posting Process. All School Vacations 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please submit a completed application, letter of interest and resume to

Human Resources, Town of Winchester
71 Mount Vernon Street
Winchester, MA 01890

This position will remain open until filled.
The Town of Winchester is an equal opportunity employer

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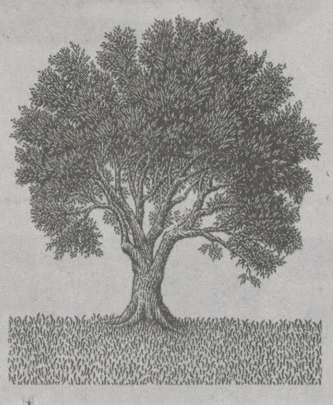

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Santa Claus came to town — specifically Wilmington Memorial Library!

A little holiday magic visited Wilmington Memorial Library last week — Santa Claus! He kicked off the night with charming holiday tales and spent time afterward taking photos with excited families. Many thanks to Blue House Santa for helping create an unforgettable evening!

(Courtesy photos)

WINTER SALES EVENT

2025 NISSAN **SENTRA S**

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4.9% APR UP TO 60 MONTHS

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$2,999 CASH OR TRADE DOWN 24 MONTHS

MSRP $28,440

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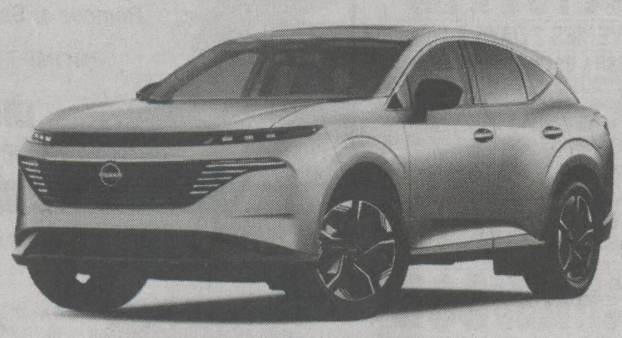

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